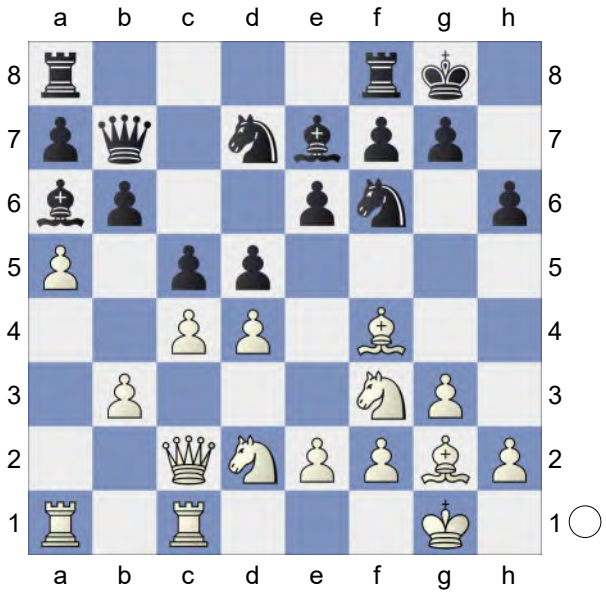
The Catalan System
200 Reference Games

Chess Notes 2025

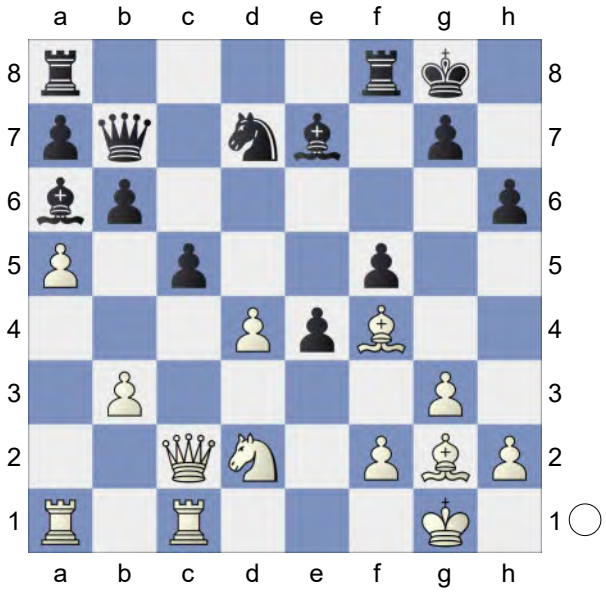
1 **E11**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3245**
■ **YukariBot** **2828**
Rapid 23.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+2sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 b6 9.a4 White is slightly better.
[9.Rd1 Ba6 10.b3 0-0 *(10...Rc8 11.a4 c5 12.a5 b5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.e4 cxd4 15.Qb2 N5f6 16.Qxd4 Bc5 17.Qb2 Nxe4 18.Be1 Qf6 19.Qxf6 Ndxf6 20.b4 Be7 21.Nbd2 Bb7 22.a6 Bd5 23.Nd4 Nc3 24.Rdc1 Bxb4 25.Bf1* 0-1 (57) Ragger,M (2579)-Sarana,A (2679) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late blitz 2024 (10)*)* 11.a4 h6 12.a5 Qc8 13.Na3 c5 14.Qb2 bxa5 15.Bxa5 Rb8 16.Qa2 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Bb7 18.Rdc1 Bd5 19.Bd2 Ne4 20.Bf4 Rb7 21.Nfd2 Nxd2 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Nxd2 Qd8 ½-½ (67) Wojtaszek,R (2705)-Anton Guijarro,D (2679) Tata Steel 83rd 2021 (1)]
9...0-0N
[9...a5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Nc3 Ba6 12.Rfc1 Rc8 13.Qd1 0-0 14.Nb5 Bxb5 15.axb5 Ne4 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Nxd6 18.Qd3 Qe7 19.Nd2 Nb8 20.e3 Qd7 21.Bf1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Rc3 g6 24.h4 ½-½ (34) Abasov,N (2643)-Muradli,M (2540) AZE-ch Rapid 2022 (6)]
10.Rc1 Ba6 11.b3 h6 12.a5 Qb8 13.Bf4 Qb7 14.Nbd2 c5 1.07/20
[14...Nh5± 0.58/20 feels stronger.]

(Diagram)



15.e4!± Deflection **15...Nxe4 16.cxd5!** Black cannot hold the game after this. **16...exd5** 3.17/25
[16...Nxd2!± 0.57/23 17.Nxd2 exd5]
17.Nxe4+- dxe4 18.Nd2 f5 4.30/21
[⌓18...Rad8 2.69/22 19.Nxe4 Qc8 *(19...cxd4? 20.Nd6+-* Discovered Attack *)* 20.axb6 axb6]



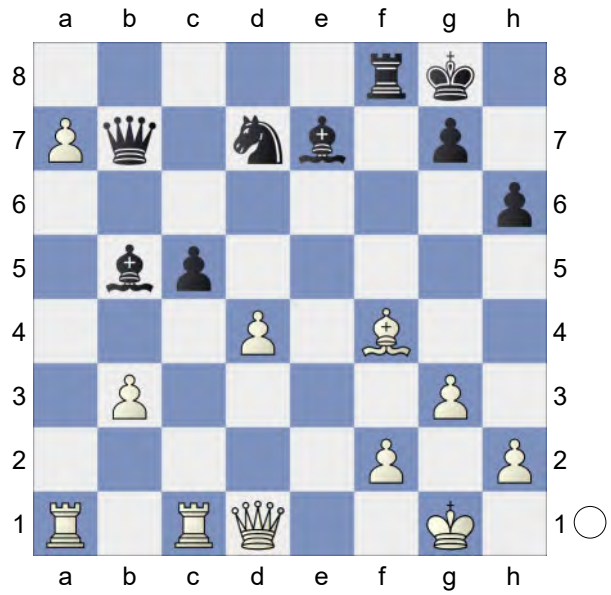
19.Nxe4! fxe4 20.Bxe4 Qc8 Threatens to win with ...Bb7. **21.Bxa8 Qxa8 22.axb6 Bb5 23.bxa7**
[Inferior is 23.Rxa7 Qf3 24.Qd1 Rxf4

25.gxf4 Be2=]

23...Qf3 6.08/20

[⌓23...Bf6 4.04/21 24.Ra5 *(24.Bd6 Bxd4 25.b4 Qf3∓)* 24...Bc6]

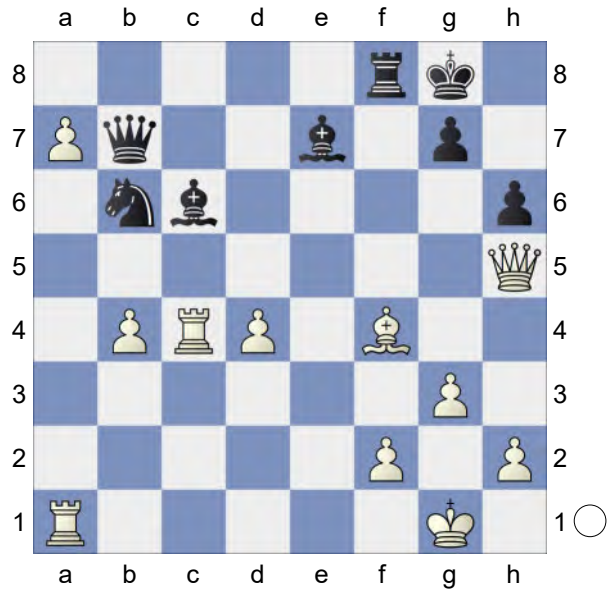
24.Qd1 Qb7



25.b4! c4

[25...Qe4 26.Qc2]

26.Qh5 Bc6 27.Rxc4 Nb6



28.Rxc6 Qxc6 29.b5 Qd7 30.Qf3 Repels Na8 **30...Qxb5 31.Qe4**

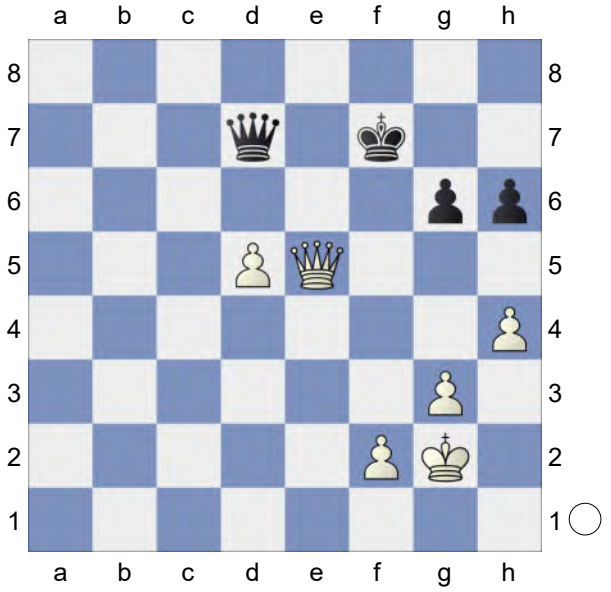
[Weaker is 31.a8B Bg5+-]

31...Bd8 32.a8Q Nxa8 33.Rxa8 Qd7 34.Kg2 Bf6 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8 Endgame KQB-KQB. White is two pawns up.

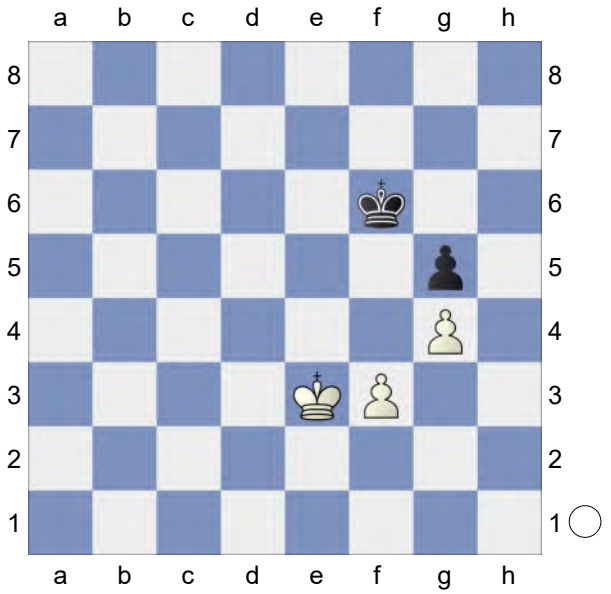
36.Be5 Bg5 37.h4 Bd8 38.d5 g6 39.Bf4

[39.Qxg6 Qxd5+ 40.Kh3 Qxe5=]

39...Kg7 40.Qd4+ Bf6 41.Be5 Bxe5 42.Qxe5+ KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **42...Kf7**



43.Qe6+! Qxe6 44.dxe6+ Kxe6 K3P-KPP. White is a pawn up. **45.Kf3 Kf5 46.Ke3** Kd4 would now be deadly. **46...Ke5 47.g4 g5 48.hxg5 hxg5** KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **49.f3 Kf6**



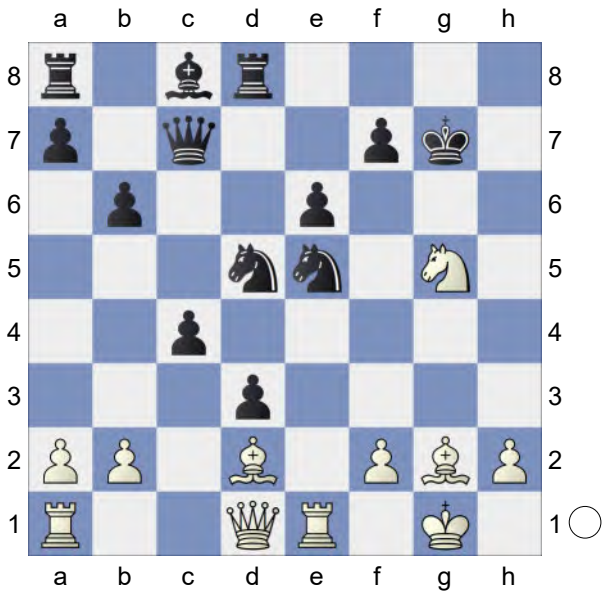
50.Kd4! Ke6 51.Ke4 Kd6 52.Kf5 Ke7

53.Kxg5 KP-KP. White is two pawns up. **53...Kf7 54.Kf5 Ke7 55.g5 Kf8 56.Kf6 Kg8 57.g6 Kf8 58.g7+ Ke8 59.g8Q+ Kd7 60.Qc4 Kd6 61.Qb5 Kc7 62.Ke7** Threatening mate with f4. **62...Kc8 63.Kd6 Kd8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.87
64.Qd7#
1-0

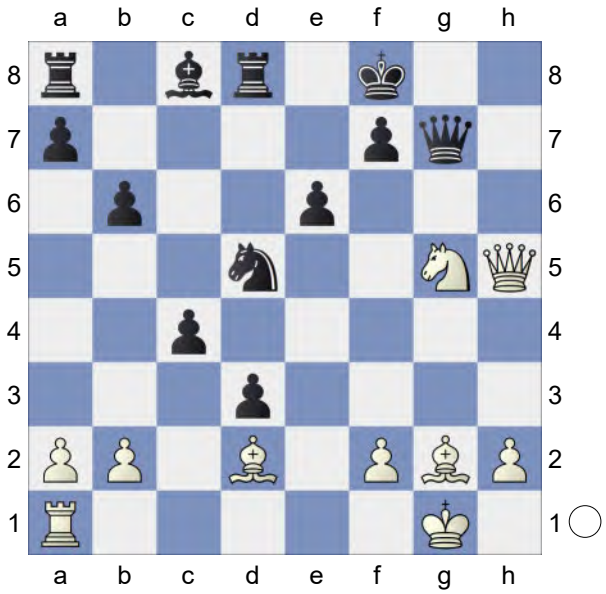
2 **E11**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3221**
■ **magnusglad_bot** **2924**
Rapid 20.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.e4 dxc4 11.e5! White is slightly better. **11...Nd5 12.Ne4 h6N** Against Neg5
[12...Ba6 13.Neg5 g6 14.h4 Kg7 15.h5 c5 *(15...c3 16.bxc3 Bxf1 17.Bxf1 b5 18.Qe4 Qe8 19.Bd3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 h6 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nf3 N7b6 23.Kg2 h5 24.Rh1 Qf7 25.g4 Nc4 26.Bg5 Nxc3 27.Bf6+ Kg8 28.Qe1 Nd5 29.Ng5 Qd7 30.Bxg6* ½-½ (35) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Radjabov,T (2753) 10th Chess 2022 (9.2)*)* 16.Qe4 cxd4 17.Qg4 c3 18.hxg6 cxd2 19.Nxf7 Qc8 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.Bxd5 hxg6 22.Bxa8 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qxa8 24.Ng5 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Qd5 26.Qxd2 Rh8 27.Nf5+ (31) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (2)]
13.g4 c5 14.g5! cxd4 15.gxh6 Qc7⇄ Black puts up resistance **16.hxg7 Rd8 17.Neg5 d3**
[17...Nxe5 18.Qh7#]

18.Qd1 Dancing on a razor blade.
18...Nxe5
[18...Bb7 seems wilder. 19.Re1 Kxg7 20.Nd4 Bxg5 21.Qg4 Rg8]
19.Re1 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 Kxg7

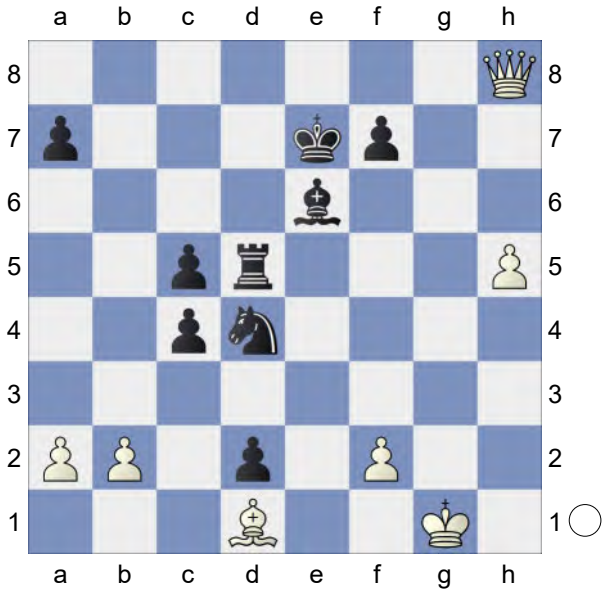


21.Rxe5! Qxe5 22.Qg4
[22.Qh5 Qf5 23.Be4 Nf4 *(23...Rh8 24.Qxh8+ Kxh8 25.Bxf5∓)* 24.Bxf4 Qxf4∓]
22...Kf8 23.Qh5! Qg7
[23...Qxb2 24.Qxf7#]



and ...Ke7! should not be overlooked

24.Nxe6+! Bxe6
[24...fxe6?! 25.Bh6 Rd7 26.Re1± *(26.Bxg7+ Rxg7 27.Kh1 Bb7±)*]
25.Bh6! Pin **25...Rac8! 26.Bxg7+**
[26.Qg5 Qxh6 27.Qxh6+ Ke7∓]
26...Kxg7 27.Qg5+ Kf8 28.h4! Black is now going downhill. **28...Rd7** 1.81/22
[Black should try 28...Ke8!± 0.42/19]
29.Re1+- Rc5 30.Re5! Ne7 31.Rxc5 bxc5 32.Bf3 d2 33.Bd1! White has strong compensation. White is more active. **33...Rd5 34.Qf6 Nf5 35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.h5 Nd4** 2.24/20
[36...Rd8± 1.17/20 37.Qc3 Rd4]



37.Qg7! Bf5 2.45/21
[⌓37...Nf5 1.83/21 38.Qg8 Bd7]

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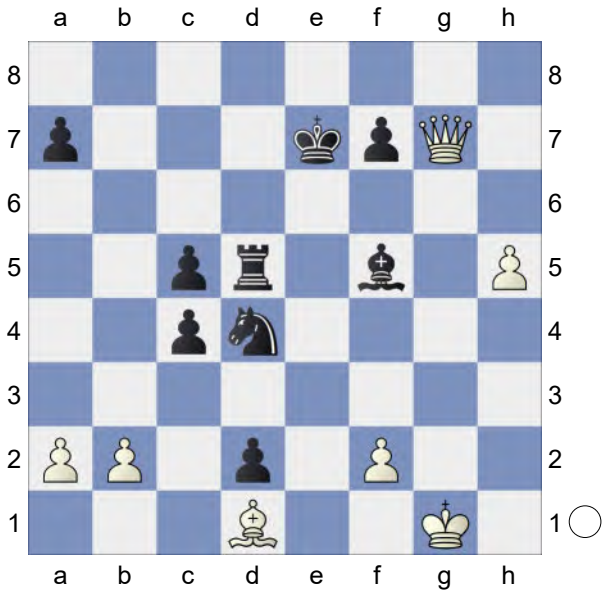

38.h6!
[38.Qg5+ Kf8 39.Qg2 *(39.Qxd2? Nf3+* Discovered Attack *40.Bxf3 Rxd2-+)* 39...Re5=]
38...Ne6 39.Qg3 Bh7 40.Kh2 Rd4 41.f3 Kf6 2.53/21
[41...a6 1.90/21]
42.a4 a5? 3.37/22
[42...Bg6± 1.59/20 was called for.]
43.Kg1 Bg6 44.Kf1 Bh7
[44...c3 45.bxc3 Bd3+ 46.Kg1± *(46.Kf2 Rd8+-)*]
45.Kf2 Rf4 46.Ke3 Rd4 47.Qb8 Kg5 48.Qe8 Kf6 49.Qa8
[Worse is 49.Qh8+ Kg6=]
49...Kg5 50.Qxa5 Kh4? 6.99/18
[50...Kxh6 2.75/17 51.Qa7 Bg6]
51.Kf2 Kg5 52.Qa7 Rf4 53.a5 Kxh6 54.Ke3 Prevents Be4. **54...Kg6 55.a6 Rd4 56.Qe7 Rd3+ 57.Kf2 Rd8**

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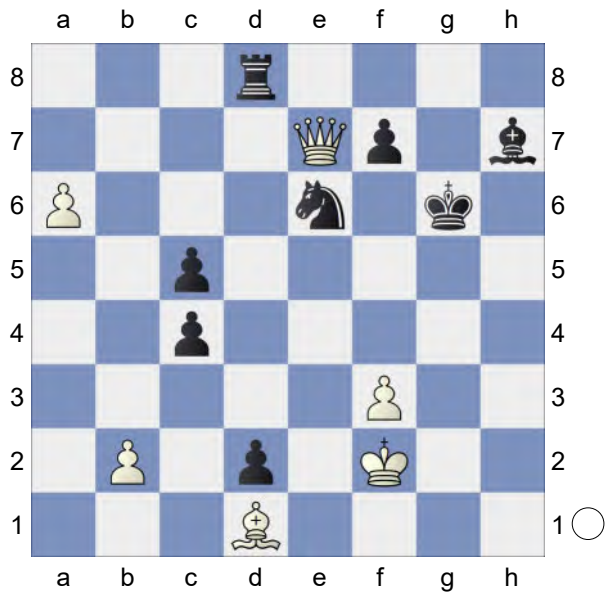
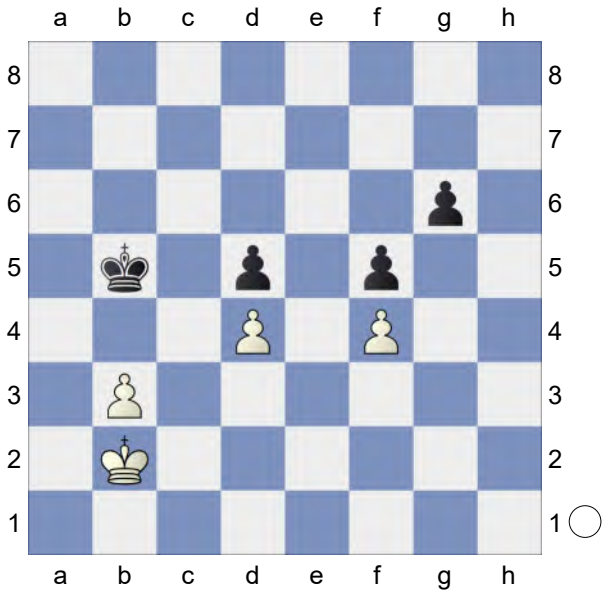


58.Qxd8! Promotion **58...Nxd8 59.a7 Nc6 60.a8Q**
[60.a8B Nb4 61.Ke3 Kg5 62.Kxd2 f5∓]
60...Ne7 61.Qe4+ Nf5 62.Qxc4 Kh6 63.Qxc5 b4 is the strong threat. **63...Bg6 64.b4 Kg7** Dodges Qf8+ **65.b5 Kg8 66.b6 Ne7 67.Qxe7 Be4 68.fxe4** White wants to mate with b7. **68...Kg7?** #4/10
[68...f6= 0.00/5 69.b7 Kh8 70.b8Q#]
69.b7 Kh8 70.b8Q+ White mates. **70...Kg7 71.Qg5+ Kh7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.49
72.Qbg8#
1-0

3 **E11**
□ **Bot_TFWC** **3207**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2872**
Rapid 27.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.Qb3
[7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bf4 dxc4 10.e4 b5 11.d5 cxd5 12.exd5 b4 13.d6 bxc3 14.dxe7 Qxe7 15.Bd6 Qd8 16.bxc3 Re8 17.Nd4 Nd5 18.Nxe6 Rxe6 19.Bxd5 Rxd6 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Qxd6 Qg5 1-0 (46) Tomashevsky,E (2745)-Akobian,V (2622) Tsaghkadzor (wtc) 124/173 2015]
7...Nbd7 8.0-0 a5N
[8...Nb6 9.Ba5 dxc4 10.Qc2 Qd5 11.Bc3 Qf5 12.Qc1 0-0 13.a4 Qh5 14.h3 Ne4 15.Be1 f5 16.e3 Bd7 17.a5 Nd5 18.Ne5 Be8 19.Nd2 Ng5 20.h4 Nf7 21.Ndxc4 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Bd6 23.Bf3 ½-½ (52) Gleizerov,E (2555)-Savchenko,S (2535) Alushta 1993 Qh6 24.a6 Bxe5 25.axb7 Rb8 26.dxe5 Rxb7 27.Bd2 Qg6 28.Ra5 Qf7 29.Bc3 Qc7 30.Qd2 Nxc3 31.Qxc3 Rxb2 32.Rxa7 Qxa7 33.Qxb2 c5 34.Ra1 Qc7 35.Ra6 Bd7 36.Rb6 c4 37.Qd4 Rd8 38.Rd6 1-0 (52) Sjugirov,S (2646)-Vazquez Igarza,R (2565) Cappelle op 29th 2013 (7) c3 39.Bd1 Kf8 40.Bc2 Ke7 41.e4 Rb8 42.exf5 exf5 43.Rd5 Be6 44.Rc5 Qd7 45.Qxc3 Rc8 46.Rxc8 Qxc8 47.Qxc8 Bxc8 48.Bb3 h6 49.Kf1 Bd7 50.Ke2 Bc8 51.Ke3 Bd7 52.Kf4 1-0 Mpp (2646)-5.♘f3 c5 6.0-0 0-0_54759 (2565) (ol) 97/203 Torino 2006 (7)]
9.Bf4 The position is equal. **9...0-0 10.Rd1 Nh5 11.Bc1 b5 12.cxb5 a4 13.Qc2 cxb5 14.e4 Nhf6 15.e5 Ne4 16.Nbd2! Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Ba6 18.Rdc1 Rc8 19.Qd3 Rxc1+** 0.70/25
[19...Ra8= 0.27/23 might be stronger.]
20.Rxc1± Qb6 21.Bf1 Ra8 22.Qb1 b4 0.68/21
[22...h6= 0.23/21]

23.Bxa6 Qxa6 24.Rc7 Ra7 25.Rxa7 Qxa7 26.Qc2 Qa6! Prevents Qc6. **27.Qc7 Qb5 28.Kg2** 0.18/24
[28.Qc8+± 0.87/23 Nf8 29.Kg2]
28...h6= 29.g4 0.16/22
[29.h3± 0.62/23]
29...b3 30.axb3 axb3 31.h3
[31.h4!?]
31...Ba3 Promotion **32.g5** 0.01/22
[32.bxa3? b2 33.Qc8+ Nf8-+]
[32.Bc3!± 0.41/22]
32...hxg5! Deflection **33.Bxg5**
[33.bxa3? b2 34.a4 *(34.Bxg5? b1Q-+)* 34...Qb8 35.Qxd7 *(35.Qxb8+? Nxb8 36.Nxg5 b1Q-+)* 35...b1Q-+ *(35...b1B? 36.Nxg5 Be4+ 37.Kh2+-)*]
33...Bb4
[33...Bxb2 34.Qc8+ Kh7 35.Be3 Nxe5 36.dxe5+- *(36.Nxe5 f6+-)*]
34.Qc8+ Nf8 35.h4 Kh8 36.Be3 Kg8 37.Bg5 Kh8 38.Bd8 Kg8 39.Bc7 Qd3 40.Bd6 Bxd6 41.exd6 Endgame KQN-KQN **41...Qe4 42.Kg3 f5! 43.Qc3** Active counter play! **43...Qg4+ 44.Kh2 Qf4+ 45.Kg1 Qxd6 46.Qxb3 Qf4 47.Kf1** With the idea Qe3. **47...Qe4 48.Qc3 Ng6 49.h5 Ne7 50.Qa3 Nc8 51.Qe3 Kf8 52.Ng5**
[52.h6 simplifies Qxe3 53.hxg7+ Kxg7 54.fxe3 Nd6 55.Kf2]
52...Qh1+ 53.Ke2 Qxh5+ 54.Ke1
[54.Kd2 Nd6 55.Nxe6+ Kf7 56.Nd8+]
54...Nd6
[54...Qh1+ 55.Kd2 Nd6 56.Qxe6 Ne4+]
55.Qxe6
[55.Nxe6+ Kf7 56.Ng5+ Kf6 57.Qe5+]
55...Qxg5
[55...Qh1+ looks sharper. 56.Ke2 Qh5+ 57.f3 Qxg5 58.Qxd6+ Qe7+]
56.Qxd6+ Qe7+ 57.Qxe7+ Kxe7 K3P-K3P **58.f4 Kd6 59.Kd2 Kc6 60.Kc3 Kb5 61.Kb3 g6 62.Kc3 Ka5! 63.b3 Kb5 64.Kc2 Ka5**
[64...Kb4!?]
65.Kc1 Kb5 66.Kc2 Ka5
[66...Kb4!? 67.Kb2□ Kb5+-]
67.Kc1 Kb5 68.Kb1 Ka5 69.Ka2 Kb4 White must now prevent ...Kc3. **70.Kb2** White leaves nothing to chance now. **70...Kb5?** 4.21/31
[70...Ka5!= 0.01/27 and Black is okay.]



71.Ka3!+- Kc6 72.b4 g5 73.fxg5 K3P-KPP. White is a pawn up. **73...f4**

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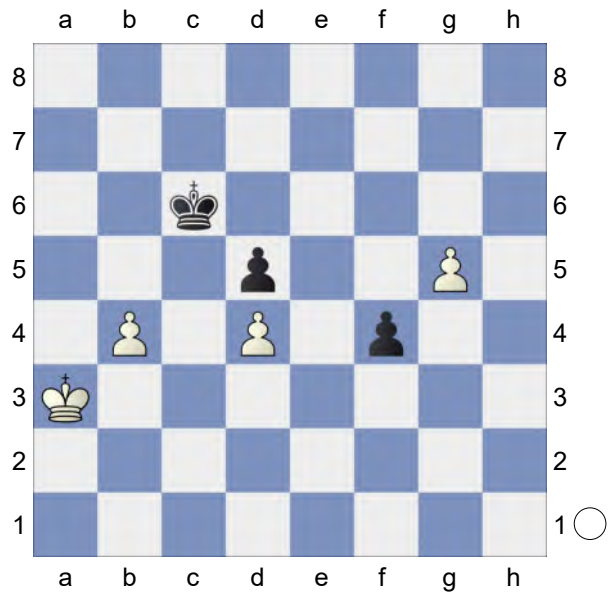
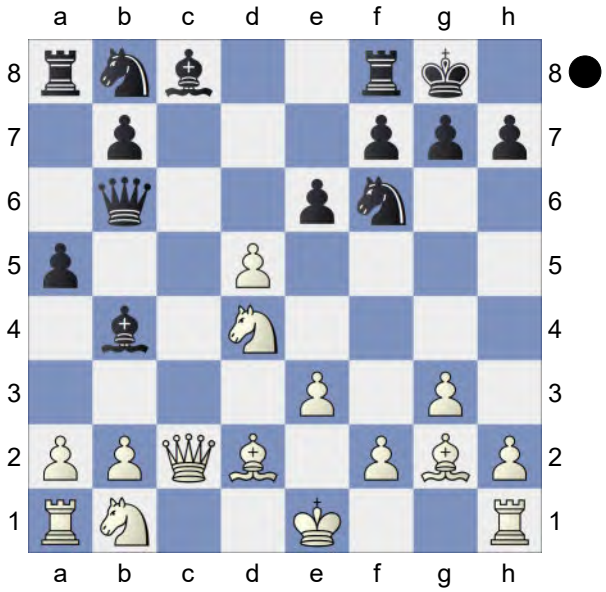


74.g6! f3 75.g7 f2 76.g8Q f1Q Repels Qf7. KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **77.Qc8+**
[77.Qe6+ Kc7+-]
77...Kb6 78.Qc5+ Kb7 79.Qxd5+ Kb6 80.Qc5+ Kb7 81.Qc3 Inhibits Qa1+. **81...Qh1** Prevents d5 **82.Qd3 Qd5 83.Kb2 Kb6 84.Kc3 Qc6+ 85.Kb2?** -0.01/23
[85.Kb3+- 6.04/26 Qd5+ 86.Kb2]
85...Qd5!= 86.Kc3? -0.01/24
[White should play 86.Qc3+- 3.83/23 and Qc5+ should not be overlooked Kb7 87.Qd3]
86...Qc6+ 87.Kb3 Qd5+ 88.Kb2 Ka7 5.96/24
[⌓88...Kb7 3.73/25 89.Qc3 Qf7]
89.Kc3+- Kb7 90.Qh7+ Kb6 91.Qg6+ Kb5 92.Qe8+ Kb6 93.Qb8+ Kc6 94.Qa8+ Kd6 95.Qxd5+ Kxd5 KP-KP. White is two pawns up. **96.b5 Kd6 97.Kc4 Kc7 98.Kc5 Kb7 99.d5 Kc7 100.d6+ Kd8 101.Kc6 Kc8 102.d7+** 19.70/5
[⌓102.b6 #8/18 Kd8 103.b7 Ke8 104.b8Q+ *(104.b8B Kf7 105.d7 Ke7 106.Bd6+ Kf6 107.d8Q+ Kf5 108.Kd5 Kg4 109.Qf6 Kh5 110.Qf5+ Kh4 111.Qg6 Kh3 112.Qg3#)* 104...Kf7 105.d7 Kf6 106.d8Q+ *(106.d8R Kg5 107.Qg3+ Kf5 108.Rf8+ Ke4 109.Rf4+ Ke5 110.Qe3#)* 106...Kf5 107.Qd5+ Kg4 108.Qbg8+ Kh4 109.Qh1#]
102...Kd8 103.b6 Intending b7 and mate. **103...Ke7 104.b7 Kf6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
105.d8Q+
1-0

4 **E00**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3201**
■ **SacrificialSage** **2868**
Blitz 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qb6 10.e3



exd5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Rc1 Rb8 14.Nc3 h5 The position is equal. **15.Na4**
[15.a3 Be7 16.Na4 Qc7 17.b4 axb4

18.Bxb4 Bxb4 19.axb4 Rxb4 20.Qxc6 Qxc6 21.Rxc6 Bd7 22.Rxf6 gxf6 23.Nc3 Rfb8 24.h4 d4 25.Nd5 Rb1+ 26.Rxb1 Rxb1+ ½-½ Woodward,A (2525)-Donchenko,A (2617) US Masters op 2024 (6)]

15...Qd8 16.Bxb4 Rxb4 17.a3N

[17.Qxc6? too greedy. Bd7 18.Qc7 Rxa4-+ *(18...Bxa4? 19.b3-+)*]

[17.b3 h4 18.Qxc6 h3 19.Bh1 d4 20.Qc7 dxe3 21.fxe3 Qe8 22.Re1 Re4 23.Qxa5 Rxe3 24.Qd2 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Qb5 Vidit,S (2726)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com (Int.-m/1-rapid) 146/(163) 2020]

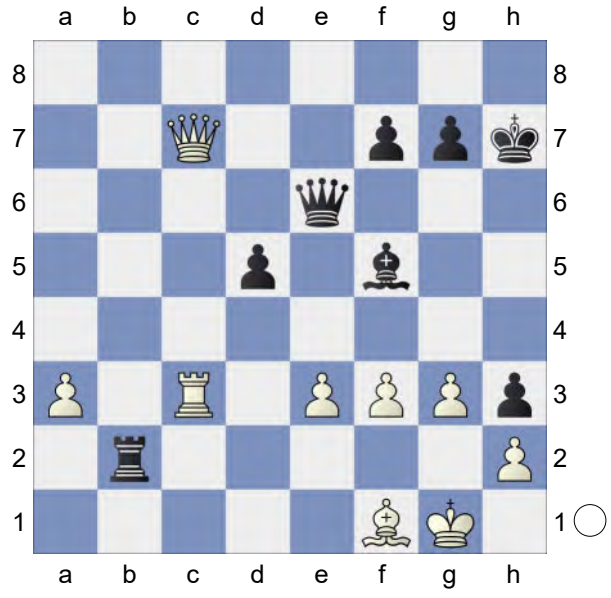
17...Rc4 18.Qb3 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 h4! 20.Nc5 Re8 21.Qa4 Qb6 22.Qb3 Qc7 23.Qa4 h3 24.Bf1 Bg4 25.Qd4 Bf5 26.Qc3 Bg4 27.Qd4 Bf5 28.f3 Nd7 29.Nxd7 Bxd7 30.Rc2 Qd6 31.Qa7 Bf5 32.Rc3 Rb8 33.Qxa5

[33.Rxc6 Qe5 34.Qd4 Qxd4 35.exd4 Rxb2 36.Rc5]

33...Rxb2 34.Qa8+ Kh7⇄ Black puts up resistance

[34...Qf8 simplifies 35.Qxf8+ Kxf8 36.Rxc6 Rb1]

35.Qxc6 Qe5 36.Qc7 Qe6



37.Qc6 Qe5 38.Qc7 Qe6 39.Qf4 Threatens to win with Rc5. **39...Rb1** ...g6 is the strong threat. **40.Qh4+ Kg8! 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Qh4+ Kg8! 43.Qd8+ Kh7** An even fight not without its subleties.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

44.Qh4+

½-½

5 **E11**

□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3199**

■ **magnusglad_bot** **2834**

Blitz 05.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Bf4 Bb7 10.Ne5 Nbd7

[10...Nh5 11.Bc1 Nf6 12.Nc3 Nfd7 13.Rd1 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.e4 d4 17.Rxd4 Nc6 18.Nd5 exd5 19.exd5 Qxe5 20.Re4 Qd6 21.Bf4 Qf6 22.dxc6 Bxc6 23.Rc4 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Bc5 25.Rc1 ½-½ Schubert,F (2217)-Bellmann,H (2257) corr 14. DFMM - Gruppe LN-1/B02 2022]

11.Rd1N

[11.Nc3 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.h4 Qb8 *(13...h6 14.h5* E 06/14 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008*)* 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rfd1 Nxe5 16.e4 d4 17.Nb5 Bf6 18.Nxd4 Rd8 19.Qb3 Qc7 20.Nb5 Qe7 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Nxa7 Ng4 23.Bf3 Ne5 24.Be2 Bxe4 25.Qxb6 Qd7 ½-½ (38) 13.Rad1 Qb6 14.b3-9.Bf3 Qc7 10.Be3 (Game 45) Abu Dhabi 2004 26.Qe3

Qb7 27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Nb5 Bxb2 29.Rd1 Rxd1+ 30.Bxd1 Bc6 31.a4 Bxb5 32.axb5 Qxb5 33.Bf3 g6 34.Kg2 Kg7 35.Be2 Qa5 36.Qg5 Qb4 37.h5 h6 38.Qg4 Qxg4 X-X 13. ♖ad1 ♕b6 14.b3_22709 (2560)-9. ♗f3 ♕c7 10. ♗e3_70261 (2655) Xing Qiu op Lishui 2009]

11...Nh5 12.Bd2 Nhf6 13.cxd5 cxd5 The position is equal. **14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.Qxc6 a6 16.a4 h6**

[16...Rc8!? 17.Qb7□ a5=]

17.e3 Rc8 18.Qb7 a5 19.Nc3 Bb4 20.Qa6 Bxc3 21.Bxc3 Ne4 22.Be1 Rc6 23.Qd3 Qc7 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Qxe4 f5 1.10/20

[Black should play 25...Nf6± 0.31/17 26.Qd3 Rd8]

26.Qf4!± Qxf4 27.gxf4

[27.exf4 Nf6±]

27...Nf6 28.Rdc1 Rfc8 29.Bd2 Rc4 1.19/24

[⌓29...Rc2 0.77/22]

30.f3! g5 31.fxg5 hxg5 32.h3! Rc2 33.Kf1! Nd5 1.33/23

[33...Kf7± 0.57/22]

34.Ke2 Kf7 35.Rxc2 Rxc2 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **36.Kd1** 0.32/23

[36.Rb1± 1.19/23]

36...Rc8±

[36...Rxb2 37.Kc1 *(37.e4? fxe4 38.fxe4 Nf6-+)* 37...Rb3 38.Kc2 Rxe3 39.Bxe3 Nxe3+ 40.Kd3]

37.Ke2 -0.01/21

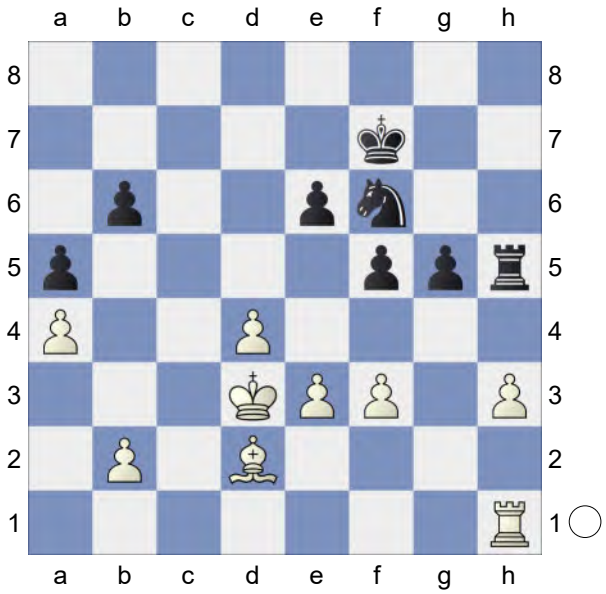
[White should try 37.Rc1± 0.68/21 Rh8 38.e4 fxe4 39.fxe4 *(39.Bxg5 exf3 40.h4 Rb8∓)*]

37...Rh8 1.14/21

[37...Rc2= -0.01/21 remains equal.]

38.Rh1!± Nf6 39.Kd3 Rh5 1.65/19

[39...g4± 0.80/19]



40.Be1!+- A mistake that costs the game. **40...g4** 2.50/21

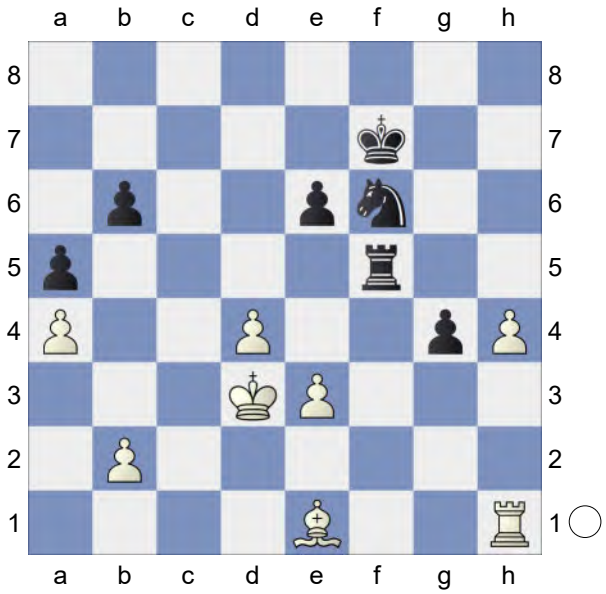
[40...Ke8± 1.15/19]

41.fxg4 fxg4 2.77/23

[⌓41...Nxg4 1.85/20 42.Bg3 Nf6]

42.h4 Rf5 2.91/21

[42...b5 1.93/21 was necessary. 43.axb5 *(43.Bxa5 bxa4 44.Bd8 Rh8±)* 43...Rxb5]



43.Ke2! b5 44.b3 and Rf1 would now be decisive **44...b4?** 4.27/21

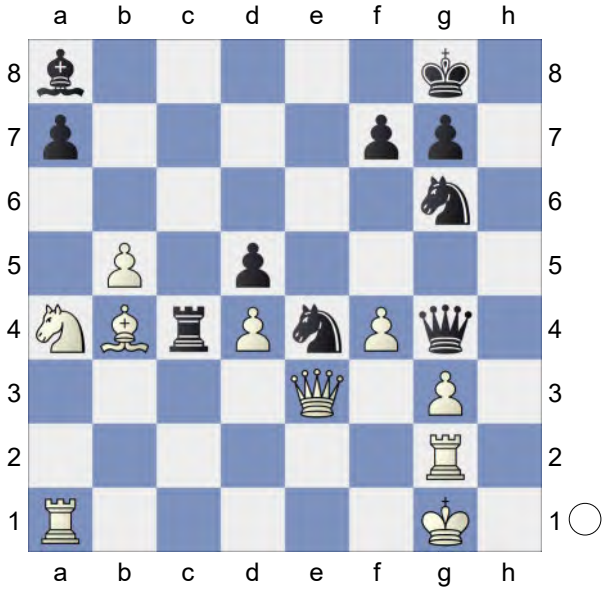
[44...bxa4 2.64/20 45.bxa4 Kg6]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.33
45.Rf1
1-0

6 **E11**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3198**
■ **cinder-bot** **2922**
Blitz 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Nc3
[9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Ba6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Rc8 14.Nc3 Ng4 15.h3 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 Bc5+ 17.Be3 Bxe3+ 18.Kxe3 b5 19.Qd3 Rc4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Qg5+ 22.Kf2 Qxe5 23.Bxc4 bxc4 ½-½ (31) Buchicchio,G (2800)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2803) B1) 11.Bc4 2003 (8)]
9...Ba6
[9...Bb7 10.Rfd1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bc3 Qc8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Bxf6 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qc6+ 20.Kg1 f6 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rfd8 23.Rd4 e5 24.Rd3 ½-½ (26) Lima,K (2068)-Lima,S (2312) Brasilia op 2025 (8)]
10.cxd5! cxd5 11.Ne5 White is slightly better. **11...Bb7N**
[11...Nfd7 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Nxf7 Rxf7 14.Bxd5 Nf6 15.Bxa8 Bxe2 16.Rfe1 Bg4 17.Qc4 Nbd7 18.Bg2 h6 E 01/15 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
12.Qa4 Nfd7 13.Nd3 Nc6 14.Rfc1 Nf6 15.e3 Rc8 16.b4 Bd6 17.Be1 Qd7 18.Rab1 h5 19.Qd1 Ne7 20.a4 Ng6 21.a5 h4 22.f4 Qe7 23.Ra1 Ne4
[23...Bxb4? 24.Nxb4 h3 *(24...Qxb4? 25.Nxd5+-)* 25.Bf3+- *(25.a6 Ba8=)*]
24.b5! Ba3 0.63/22
[24...Rc7= 0.10/21]
25.Rc2± bxa5 26.Qb1! Ba8 0.84/23
[26...Rc7± 0.42/21]
27.Raa2± Nf6! 28.Qb3 0.39/20 Prevents Rc4
[28.Bf1± 0.89/23]
28...Bb4± 29.Rcb2 hxg3 0.97/23
[29...Rc4± 0.42/20]
White stays focused until the end.
30.hxg3± Rc7 1.47/23
[30...Rc4± 0.52/20]
31.Nxb4 axb4 1.33/21
[Black should try 31...Qxb4 0.91/22 32.Qxb4 axb4 33.Rxb4 Ne7]
32.Na4! White is more active.
[32.Qxb4?! Rfc8±]
32...e5 1.90/22 **33.Rb1+-**
[33.dxe5?! Ng4± *(33...Rc1? 34.exf6 Rxe1+ 35.Kf2+-)*]
[33.fxe5 Ne4= *(33...Rc1? 34.exf6 Rxe1+ 35.Kf2+-)*]
33...Rfc8 1.86/22
[33...Qe6± 1.43/22]
34.Bh3!
[34.dxe5?! Ng4±]
[34.Qxb4?! exd4 35.Qxe7 Nxe7=]
[34.fxe5 Ne4=]
[34.Bxb4 Qe8 *(34...Rc1+ 35.Bf1=)* 35.Bc5 *(35.fxe5 Nxe5 36.dxe5 Qxe5±; 35.dxe5 Ng4±)* 35...exf4 36.exf4 Nf8±]
34...exf4 2.01/21
[34...exd4± 1.27/21 35.Bxc8 Rxc8]
35.Bxc8 Rxc8 36.exf4 Ne4 2.84/21 Inhibits Nc5.
[36...Qe8± 1.48/21]
37.Bxb4
[37.Qxb4 Qd7 38.Nc5 Qg4±]

37...Qf6 38.Qe3 Qf5 39.Rba1! Qg4 3.06/22
[39...Rc4 2.13/20 was necessary.]
40.Rg2 Rc4 3.48/22
[⌓40...Qd7 2.27/21 41.Nc3 Rc4]



41.Be1! and Nc5 would now be decisive
41...Ne7? 5.17/22
[41...Qd7 2.68/20 42.Nc3 Ne7]
42.Nc5 Qc8 8.00/21
[⌓42...Nf5 4.27/22 43.Qd3 *(43.Qe2 Qxe2 44.Rxe2 Nxd4=)* 43...Rxd4 *(43...Nxc5? is the wrong capture. 44.dxc5 d4 45.c6+-)*]
43.Rxa7 Bb7 44.Nxb7
[Not 44.Rxb7 Nf5 45.Qa3 *(45.Qd3 Rxd4 46.Qb1 Qxc5±)* 45...Nxc5 46.dxc5 Qxb7±]
44...Nf5 45.Qa3 Qe6 46.Ra8+ Kh7 47.Nd8 Qf6 48.Rh2+ Nh6 49.Qe3 Qf5 50.Nc6 f6

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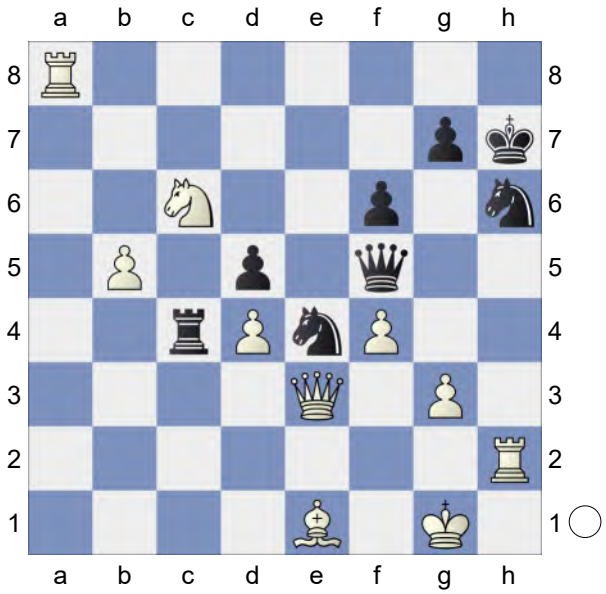


51.Rxh6+! 39.87/26 **gxh6**
[51...Kxh6 52.Ne7]
52.Ra7+ Kh8 53.Qa3 Nc5 54.dxc5 Qg4 55.b6 Re4 56.Ra8+ Kh7 57.Qa7+ Qg7 58.Bf2 Rc4 59.b7 Rc1+ 60.Kg2 Rb1 61.b8Q Rxb8 62.Qxb8 Qb1+ would kill now. **62...h5 63.Qe8** White mates. **63...Kh6 64.Ne7 Qh7 65.Qf8+ Qg7 66.Nf5+ Kg6 67.Qxg7+ Kxf5 68.Qh7+ Ke6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.84
69.Re8#
1-0

7 **E11**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3195**
■ **Motor-0** **2944**
Blitz 23.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

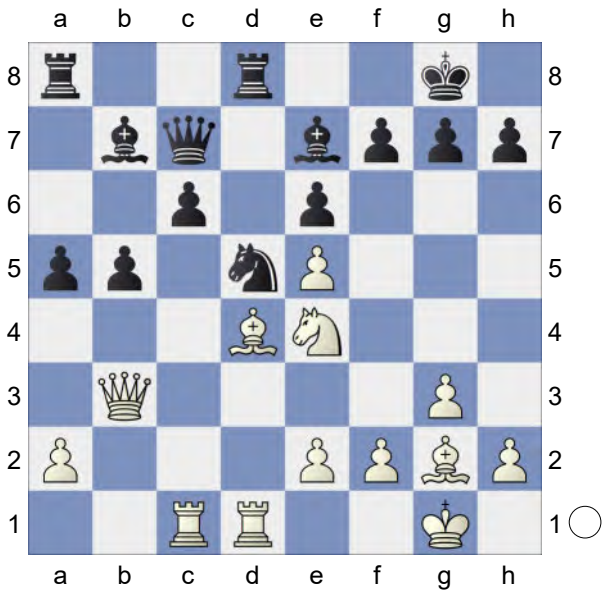
Blitz 3min+2sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Rfd1 Nbd7! 11.b3 White has an edge. **11...Ba6 12.Bf4 Nh5**

[12...dxc4 13.bxc4 Qc8 14.Qb3 Rd8 15.e4 Ne8 16.e5 Rb8 17.a4 Nf8 18.Rac1 Rb7 19.Ne4 Rbd7 20.c5 bxc5 21.dxc5 Bc4 22.Qb1 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Bd5 24.Nd6 Qd7 25.Rd4 a5 26.Rd2 Qa7 27.Rb2 ½-½ (60) Pelletier,Y (2526)-Sarana,A (2713) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (3.15)]

13.Bc1 Nhf6! 14.Bb2N

[14.Qd3 c5 15.Bb2 Rc8 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.cxb5 Ne4 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 f5 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Bxe4 Bxb2 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.Rab1 Qf6 24.Rf1 Milosevic,G-The Morozevich Line URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

14...dxc4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd5 17.Ne4 b5 18.Bd4 Qc7 19.Nc5 cxb3 20.Qxb3 Bb7 21.Rac1 White has compensation. **21...a5 22.Ne4 Rfd8**



23.Nd6! b4 24.Bf3 Bf8 0.39/17

[24...Ba6= 0.02/16]

25.Bc5± Ba6 26.h4 h6 27.Rd4 Qb8 0.54/17

[27...Bb5= 0.14/15]

28.Rd2 0.17/16

[28.Qb2± 0.54/17]

28...Qc7 0.54/16

[28...Bb5!= 0.17/16]

29.Bh5 g6 30.Bf3 h5 31.a4 0.08/18

[31.Qb2± 0.55/16 is more appropriate.]

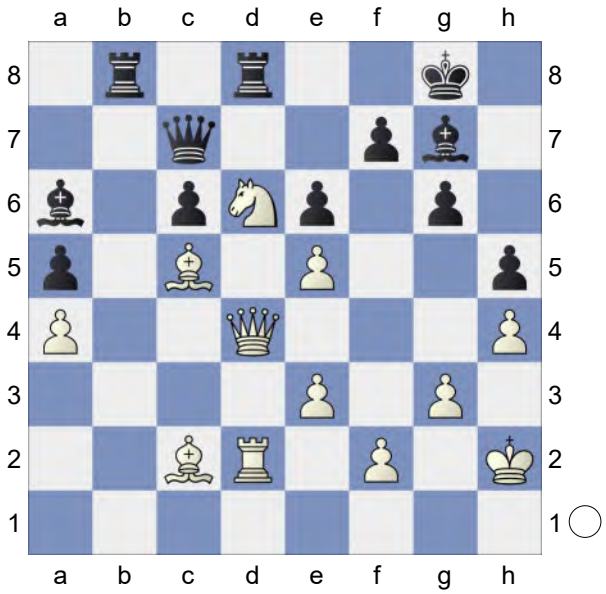
31...Rab8 32.Kh2 Bh6 33.e3 Bg7 34.Bd4 Bf8! 35.Bc5 -0.01/23

[35.Rdc2± 0.44/18 Nc3 *(35...Bxd6 36.Rxc6 Qe7 37.Rxa6±)* 36.Bxc3 bxc3 37.Qxc3]

35...Rd7 36.Rdc2 Nc3 37.Rxc3! bxc3 38.Qxc3 Rbd8 39.Rd1 Bg7 40.Be4 Bf8 41.Qd4 White has more active pieces. **41...Rb8 42.Rd2 Rdd8** 1.45/18

[42...Bg7± 0.56/19]

43.Bc2± Bg7



44.Kg1 0.87/20

[⌓44.f4! 1.51/18]

44...Rb4 1.45/22 **45.Bxb4 axb4 46.Qc5!**

[46.Qxb4 Bxe5 47.Ne4 Rxd2 48.Qxd2 c5=]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

46...Rd7 2.41/19

[46...Rb8± 0.95/18]

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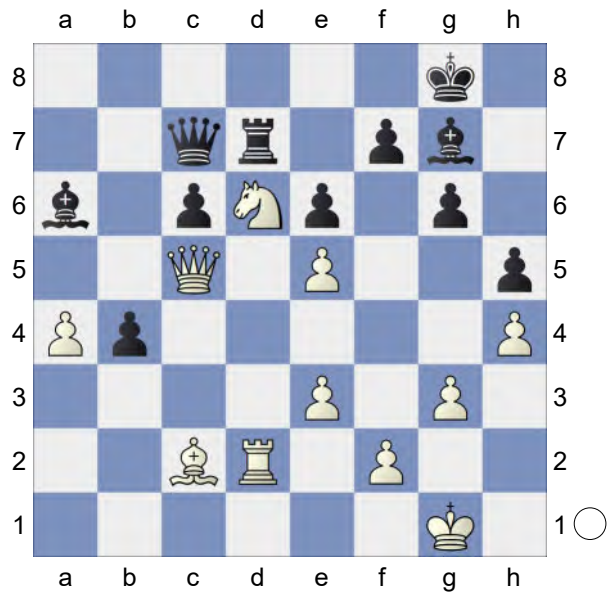

47.Rd4!+-
[47.Qxb4 Bxe5 48.Ne8 Qb7 49.Qxb7 Rxb7=]
47...Bf8 48.Kh2
[48.Qxb4? c5 49.Qb3 cxd4-+]
[48.Rxb4 Bxd6 49.exd6 Qxd6∓]
48...Rd8 2.58/19
[⌓48...Qa7 1.90/17 49.Qxa7 *(49.Qxb4? c5-+* Deflection, Double Attack*; 49.Qxc6 Rc7±)* 49...Rxa7]
49.Bb3
[49.Qxb4 c5 50.Qc3 Bxd6 51.exd6 Rxd6±]
[49.Rxb4 Bxd6 50.exd6 Qxd6 51.Qxd6 Rxd6±]
49...Be2 3.12/19
[49...Kh7 2.07/19 50.a5 *(50.Qxb4 c5=; 50.Rxb4 Rxd6 51.exd6 Bxd6±)* 50...f6]
50.a5
[50.Rxb4 Bxd6 51.exd6 Qxd6 52.Qxd6 Rxd6±]
[50.Qxb4 c5 51.Qc3 Bxd6 52.exd6 Rxd6±]
50...Ra8 3.89/21
[50...Bf1 2.40/19 51.Rxb4 Bxd6 52.exd6 Qxd6 53.Qxd6 Rxd6]
51.Rf4
[51.Rxb4 Qxa5 52.Qxc6 Qxb4=]
[51.Qxb4 c5 52.Qc3 Qxa5 *(52...Rxa5? 53.Rf4+-)* 53.Qxa5 Rxa5=]
51...Bxd6? 4.70/22
[51...Bg4 2.68/20]
52.exd6
[52.Qxd6 Qxd6 53.exd6 c5∓]
52...Qxa5 53.Qxc6
[53.Qxb4 Qxb4 54.Rxb4 Rd8∓]
53...Bb5 4.70/23
[53...Bg4 3.31/19 keeps fighting. 54.Rxb4 Rd8]
54.Qc7 Ra7 6.16/25
[⌓54...Qxc7 4.35/24 55.dxc7 Rc8]
55.Qxa5 Remove Defender **55...Rxa5 56.Rxb4** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **56...Kg7 57.e4 Kf6 58.f4 e5 59.Bd5 Bd7 60.Rb8 Ra7 61.Rb7 Rxb7 62.Bxb7** KB-KB. White is a pawn up. **62...Ke6 63.Bd5+** Skewer **63...Kxd6 64.Bxf7 Ba4 65.Bxg6 Bc2 66.Kg2**
[Not 66.Bxh5 Bxe4 67.fxe5+ Kxe5+-]
66...Ke6 67.Kf3 Bd1+ 68.Ke3 Kf6 69.Be8 Bg4 70.Bb5 Be6 71.Kd2 Bf7 72.Kc3 Bg6 73.Bc6 Bf7 74.Kb4 Be6 75.Kc5 exf4 76.gxf4 Ke7 77.f5 Bc8 78.Bd5 And now Ba2 would win.
78...Kf6

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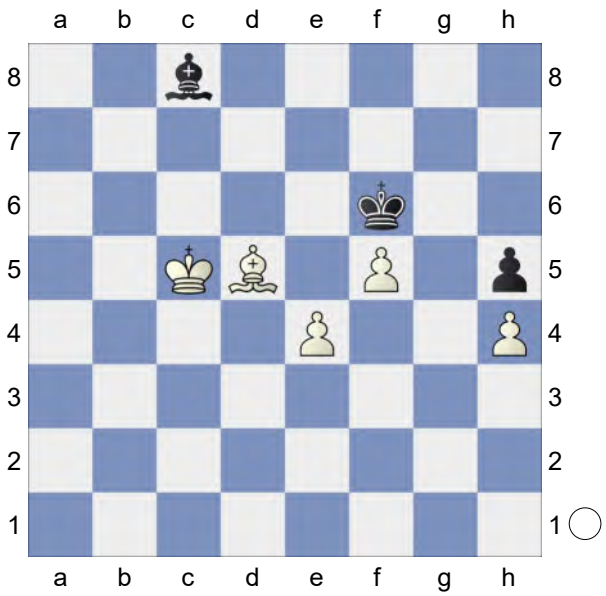
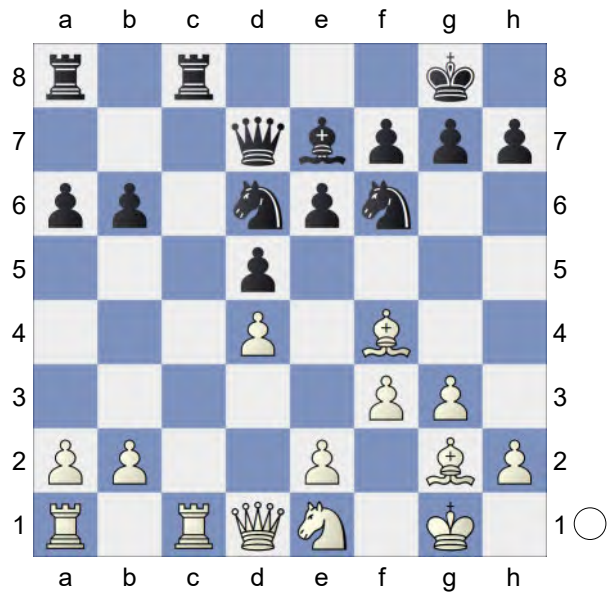


79.Be6! Bxe6 80.fxe6 Kxe6 KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **81.Kd4 Kd6 82.e5+ Kd7 83.Ke4 Ke6 84.Kf4** Intending Ke4 and mate. **84...Kf7 85.Kg5** White mates. **85...Ke7 86.Kxh5** KP-KP. White is two pawns up. **86...Ke6 87.Kg6 Kxe5** KP-K. White is a pawn up. **88.h5 Kd6 89.h6 Kc5 90.h7 Kd6 91.h8Q Kc6 92.Qc3+ Kb6 93.Kf5 Ka7 94.Ke6 Kb6 95.Kd6 Kb5 96.Qb3+ Ka6 97.Kc6 Ka5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.44
98.Qb5#
1-0

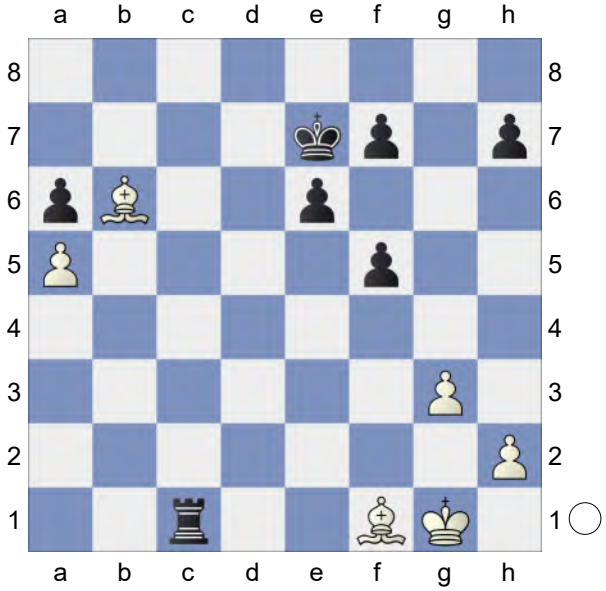
8 **E11**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3185**
■ **magnusglad_bot** **2841**
Blitz 05.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Bf4 Bb7 10.Ne5 Nbd7
[10...Nh5 11.Bc1 Nf6 12.Nc3 Nfd7 13.Rd1 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.e4 d4 17.Rxd4 Nc6 18.Nd5 exd5 19.exd5 Qxe5 20.Re4 Qd6 21.Bf4 Qf6 22.dxc6 Bxc6 23.Rc4 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Bc5 25.Rc1 ½-½ Schubert,F (2217)-Bellmann,H (2257) corr 14. DFMM - Gruppe LN-1/B02 2022]
11.Rd1N
[11.Nc3 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.h4 Qb8 *(13...h6 14.h5* E 06/14 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008*)* 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rfd1 Nxe5 16.e4 d4 17.Nb5 Bf6 18.Nxd4 Rd8 19.Qb3 Qc7 20.Nb5 Qe7 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Nxa7 Ng4 23.Bf3 Ne5 24.Be2 Bxe4 25.Qxb6 Qd7 ½-½ (38) 13. Rad1 Qb6 14.b3-9.Bf3 Qc7 10.Be3 (Game 45) Abu Dhabi 2004 26.Qe3 Qb7 27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Nb5 Bxb2 29.Rd1 Rxd1+ 30.Bxd1 Bc6 31.a4 Bxb5 32.axb5 Qxb5 33.Bf3 g6 34.Kg2 Kg7 35.Be2 Qa5 36.Qg5 Qb4 37.h5 h6 38.Qg4 Qxg4 X-X 13. ♖ad1 ♕b6 14.b3_22709 (2560)-9. ♗f3 ♕c7 10. ♗e3_70261 (2655) Xing Qiu op Lishui 2009]
11...Nh5 12.Bd2 Nhf6 13.cxd5 cxd5 The position is equal. **14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.Qxc6 Rc8 16.Qb5 Ne8 17.Qa4 Nd6 18.Na3** Repels Rc4
[18.Qxa7? Ra8-+]
18...Ra8 19.Rdc1 Nf6 20.Bf4 a6 21.Qd1 Qd7 Prevents Rc6 **22.Nc2 Rfc8 23.Ne1 Nfe4 24.f3 Nf6**

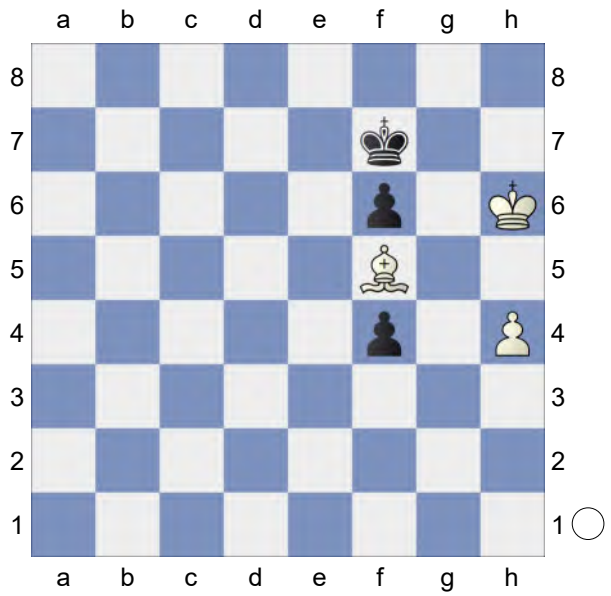
(Diagram)



25.e4! dxe4
[25...Nc4 26.b3]
26.fxe4 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Nb5
[27...Nfxe4? 28.Bxd6 Qxd6 29.Bxe4+-]
[27...Ndxe4? 28.Qd3+-]
28.Nf3 0.01/18
[28.Be3± 0.40/19]
28...Rd8= 29.Rc4 Bc5 30.e5 Nxd4 0.55/24
[30...Ng4= 0.01/21 31.Kf1 Nxd4 32.Nxd4 h5]
31.Nxd4± Qxd4+
[31...Bxd4+ 32.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 33.Rxd4 Rxd4 34.exf6=]
32.Qxd4
[32.Rxd4 Rxd4 33.Qe1 Re4+ *(33...Rxf4+? 34.Kh1∓)* 34.Kf1 Rxe1+ 35.Kxe1 Nd7∓]
32...Rxd4
[32...Bxd4+ 33.Rxd4 Rxd4 34.exf6∓]
33.Rxc5 bxc5 34.exf6 gxf6 35.Bf1 Rd1 36.Be3! White has compensation.
36...Rb1! White leaves nothing to chance now. **37.Bxc5 Rxb2 38.a3 Rc2** 1.48/21
[Black should try 38...Rb1 0.97/23]
39.Bb4±
[39.Be7 Kg7±]
39...Rc6 2.13/21
[39...a5± 1.30/21 was necessary. 40.Bxa5 Ra2]
40.a4!+- f5 2.37/20
[⌓40...Kg7 1.81/19]
41.a5! Kg7 2.45/20
[⌓41...e5 1.89/19]
42.Bd2 Kf8 43.Be3 Ke7 3.26/22
[⌓43...Rc8 2.16/22 44.Bb6 *(44.Bxa6 Ra8∓)* 44...Ra8 *(44...Rc1? 45.Kg2+-)*]
44.Bb6 Rc1



45.Kg2! Kd6
[45...Rc2+ 46.Kh3 Kd6 47.Bxa6+-]
46.Bxa6 Kc6 Prevents Bb7+ **47.Be2 Rc2 48.Kf1** And now Be3 would win.
48...Ra2 49.Bf3+ Kb5 50.Kg1 f6 51.Bh5 e5 52.Be8+ Ka6 53.Bf7 Ra3 54.Be6 f4 55.gxf4 exf4 56.Bc8+ Kb5 57.h4 Rxa5? 14.67/26
[57...Kc6 3.11/20 58.Kf2 h5]
58.Bxa5 Kxa5 Endgame KB-K3P
59.Bf5 h6 60.Kf2 Kb6 61.Kf3 Kc6 62.Kg4 Kd6 63.Kh5 Ke7 64.Kxh6 Intending Kg7 and mate. KB-KPP
64...Kf7

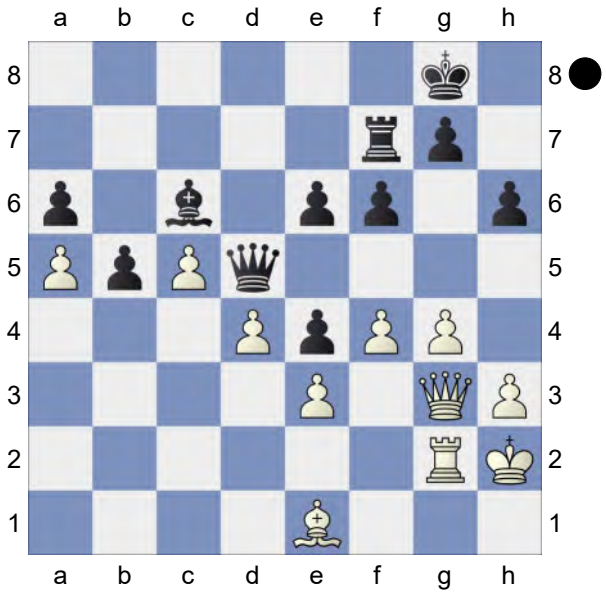


65.Kh7! f3 66.h5 17.01/25
[⌓66.Bd3 #20/28 Kf8 67.Bb5 f5 68.Bd3 Kf7 69.Bxf5 Kf6 70.Bd3 f2 71.Kg8]
66...Kf8 67.Kh8 Ke7 68.Kg7 Kd6 69.Kxf6 KB-KP **69...Kc5 70.h6 Kd4 71.h7 f2 72.Bh3**
[And not 72.h8R f1Q=]
72...Kc5 73.Bf1 Kb4 74.h8Q Kc3 75.Qb8 Kc2 76.Qb4 Kc1 77.Qc3+ Kb1 78.Qd2 White mates. **78...Ka1 79.Qc1+ Ka2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.37
80.Bc4#
1-0

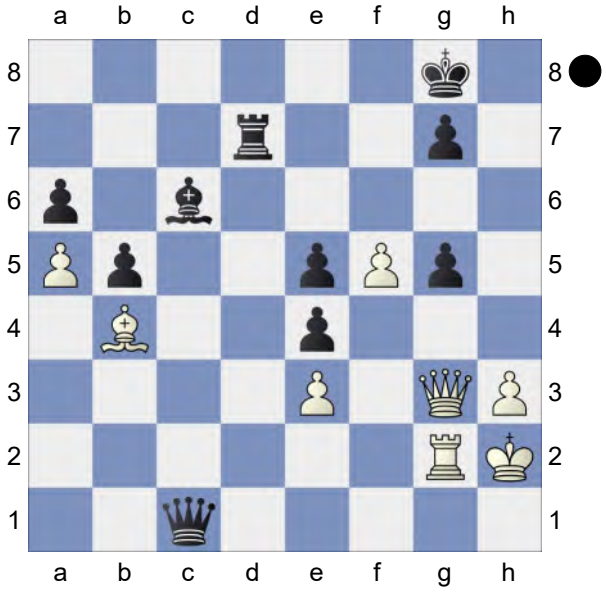
9 **E11**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3169**
■ **Kyreds_pet** **3073**
Blitz 23.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Nc3
[9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Ba6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Rc8 14.Nc3 Ng4 15.h3 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 Bc5+ 17.Be3 Bxe3+ 18.Kxe3 b5 19.Qd3 Rc4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Qg5+ 22.Kf2 Qxe5 23.Bxc4 bxc4 ½-½ (31) Buchicchio,G (2800)-11...♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2803) B1) 11.Bc4 2003 (8)]
9...Ba6
[9...Bb7 10.Rfd1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bc3 Qc8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Bxf6 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qc6+ 20.Kg1 f6 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rfd8 23.Rd4 e5 24.Rd3 ½-½ (26) Lima,K (2068)-Lima,S (2312) Brasilia op 2025 (8)]
10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Ne5 White is slightly better. **11...Bb7N**
[11...Nfd7 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Nxf7 Rxf7 14.Bxd5 Nf6 15.Bxa8 Bxe2 16.Rfe1 Bg4 17.Qc4 Nbd7 18.Bg2 h6 E 01/15 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
12.Qa4 Nfd7 13.Nd3 Nc6 14.Rfc1 Nf6 15.e3 Rc8 16.b4 a6 17.Be1 Ne8 18.Nd1 Nd6 19.Qb3 Nb8 20.a4 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Nd7 22.Qa2 Qa8 23.a5 b5 24.Qe2 Nc4 25.N1b2 Bc6 26.Bc3 Re8 27.f4 Nf6 28.Nc5 h6 29.Be1 Bxc5 30.bxc5 Qc8 31.Rb1 Na3 A dynamic duo of knights. **32.Ra1 Nc4 33.h3 Re7 34.Ra2 Ne4 35.Bxe4 Nxb2 36.Rxb2 dxe4 37.g4 Qd7 38.Kh2 Qd5 39.Qf2 Rb7 40.Qh4 f6**
[40...Qc4 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.g5 Qc1]
41.Qg3
[41.Rg2 Qb3 42.g5 hxg5 43.fxg5 Qxe3 44.gxf6 Qxd4 45.Qh6]
41...Rf7 42.Rg2

(Diagram)

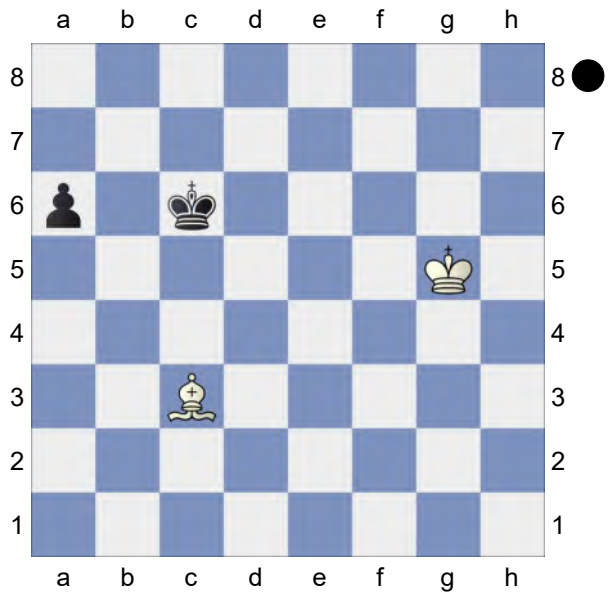


White is weak on the light squares **42...e5! 43.dxe5**
[43.fxe5 fxe5]
43...fxe5 44.f5 Qxc5 45.Rb2 Rd7 46.g5 hxg5 47.Bb4 Qc1 48.Rg2



g4 aiming for ...Rd1. **49.Be1!**
[49.hxg4 Rd1 50.Qf2 Bd5∓]
49...Rf7 50.hxg4 Rf6 51.Rd2 Qf2! would now be deadly. **51...Qc5 52.Rd8+**
[52.g5 Rxf5 53.Qh3 Rxg5 54.Qc8+]
52...Rf8 53.Rd2
[53.Qh4 b4 54.Qg5 Qc2+ 55.Kg3]
53...Rf6 54.Rd8+ Rf8 55.Qh4 Wards off Rxd8 **55...Qxe3 56.Rxf8+ Kxf8=** Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is two pawns up. **57.Qd8+ Kf7 58.Qc7+ Kg8 59.Qc8+ Kh7 60.Qxc6 Qe2+**
[60...Qxe1 61.Qg6+ Kg8 62.Qe8+ Kh7]
61.Kh3 Qf1+
[61...Qxe1 62.Qg6+ Kg8 63.Qe8+ Kh7]
62.Kh2 Qe2+ 63.Kh3 Qf1+
[63...Qxe1 simplifies 64.Qg6+ Kg8 65.Qe8+ Kh7]
64.Kh2 Qf4+ 65.Bg3
[65.Kh3!? Qf1+□=]
65...Qxg4 66.Qd6 Qh5+ 67.Kg2 Qf3+ 68.Kh2 Qh5+ 69.Kg1 Qxf5 70.Bxe5
[70.Qxe5 Qg4 71.Kf1 Kh6±]
70...e3 71.Bg3 Qb1+ 72.Kh2 Qc2+ 73.Kg1 Qb1+ 74.Kh2 Qa2+ 75.Kh3 Qxa5 76.Qd3+
[76.Be5 Qe1 77.Qd3+ Kh8 78.Qd8+]
76...Kh8 77.Qxe3 White wants to mate with Be5.
[77.Qd7 Qa2 78.Be5 Qg8 79.Kg3]
77...Qa2 78.Qe8+ Qg8 79.Qxg8+ -0.62/5
[Better is 79.Qe7= -0.01/18]
79...Kxg8 KB-K3P **80.Kg4 b4** Black has compensation. **81.Kf5 b3**
[81...a5 82.Kg6]
82.Be5 Kf7 83.Ke4 g6 84.Kd3 The position is equal. **84...b2 85.Bxb2 g5 86.Bc3 Ke6 87.Ke4 Kd7 88.Kf5**
[88.Bd2!?]
88...Kc6 89.Kxg5

(Diagram)

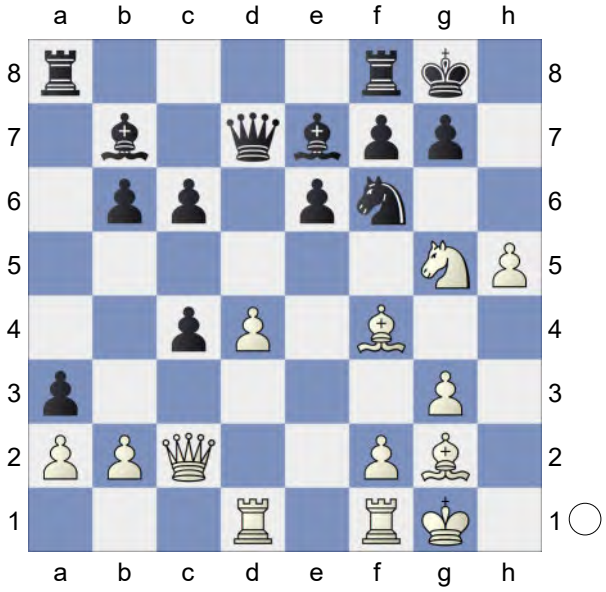


a5!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
90.Bxa5
[90.Bb2 Kb5]
½-½

10 **E11**
☐ **Spiritofthenewyear** **3167**
■ **pawn_git** **2641**
Blitz 10.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Nc3 Nfd7N
[10...Nbd7 11.e4
A) 11...dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe5 *(12...Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bxc6 Qc7 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.Bg5 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qe2 Rac8 20.b3 Qc7 21.Rac1 Rd6 22.f4 Rcd8 23.Qe3 Be7 24.Nf3 Bf6 25.Rd2 Qd7 26.Rcd1 b5 27.Ne5* 1-0 (33) Goncharov,V (2077)-Koridze,L (2115) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (9)*)* 13.dxe5 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 h6 15.a4 Qc7 16.a5 c5 17.a6 Bc6 18.Bc3 Rad8 19.Rfd1 Qc8 20.Qe2 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Bxd8 23.b4 cxb4 24.Bxb4 Qa8 25.Bxc6 Qxc6 26.Qd3 ½-½ (48) Hakobyan,A (2613)-Sarana,A (2685) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (1.1);
B) 11...c5 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.e5 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Rad1 Qc6 17.Rde1 Rad8 18.Bxe4 Qd7 19.Bg5 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Be7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Rd1 Qb4 23.Qe2 Rc8 24.b3 Rfd8 25.Rd3 1-0 (42) Burmakin,V (2530)-Koniushkov,I (2405) RUS-Cup7 Kstovo 1997 (2) Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Qa5 27.Rd1 g6 28.Qe2 Rc5 29.Qb2 Kg7 30.b4 Qa4 31.Rd4 Rxc4 32.Rxc4 Qd1+ 33.Kg2 Qd5+ 34.f3 Qxc4 35.h4 h5 36.Qd2 a5 37.bxa5 bxa5 38.f4 a4 39.a3 Qb3 40.Qc1 ½-½ (42) Burmakin,V (2560)-Altukhov,S (2305) Schwarzach op-A 1998 (4) Qa2+ 41.Kf3 Qd5+ 42.Kf2 ½-½ Court,J (2560)-Machoud,P (2305) Variation Riga 2003 (4)]
11.Nf3 dxc4 The position is equal.
12.Ne4 0.08/16
[12.Rfd1± 0.45/18]
12...a5 0.44/16
[12...h6= 0.08/16]
13.Neg5± Discovered Attack **13...Nf6 14.e4 h6** 1.01/16
[14...g6!= 0.19/17 remains equal.]
15.e5!→ White is up to no good.
15...hxg5 16.Nxg5 Nbd7 17.Rad1 0.66/18
[17.exf6± 1.05/18 Nxf6 18.Rfd1]
17...Qc8 1.44/18 **18.Bf4 a4** 1.26/20

19.h4 White has more active pieces.
[19.exf6?! Nxf6 20.Rfe1 b5=]
19...a3 2.34/19 **20.exf6+- Nxf6 21.h5! Qd7** 2.40/18
[21...Nxh5 22.Qh7#]
[⌓21...Re8 1.97/17]



22.Be5! Rfe8 2.68/19
[22...Nxh5 23.Qh7#]
[22...axb2 23.Bxf6 g6 24.Ne4±]
[22...Rfc8 1.92/16]
23.Bf3
[23.Qxc4 Nxh5 *(23...axb2 24.Qc2∓)* 24.Qe2 Nxg3 *(24...Bxg5 25.Qxh5 Bh6 26.b3=)* 25.Bxg3 Bxg5-+]
[23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Qh7+ Kf8∓]
23...Bd8 2.38/18
[⌓23...Rec8 1.84/19]

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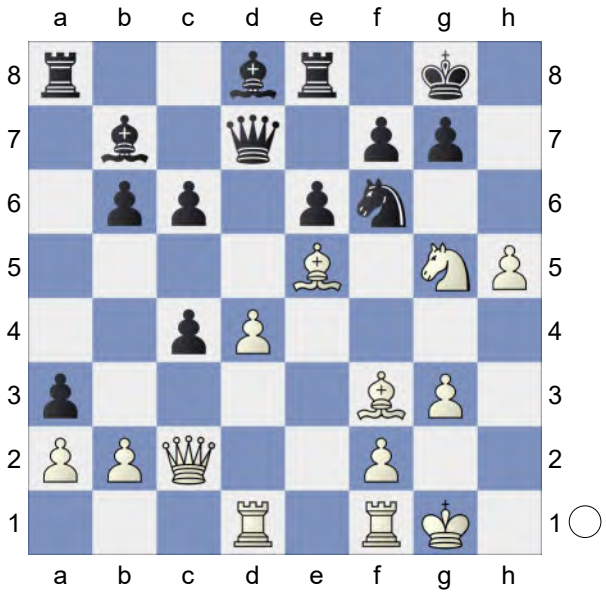
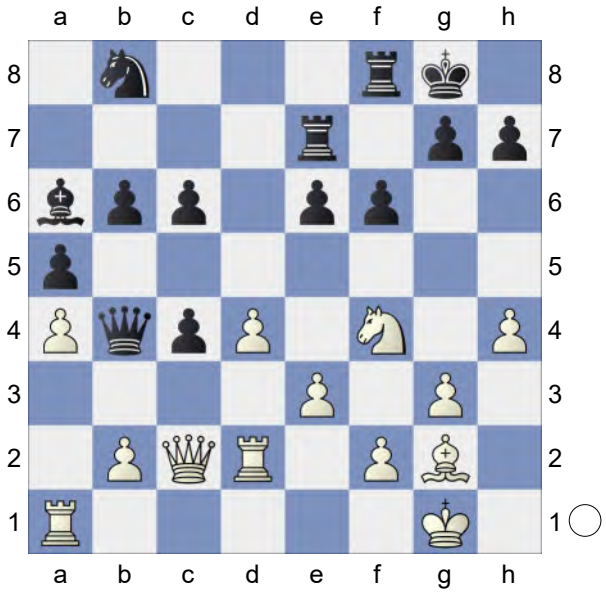


24.Kg2!
[24.Qxc4? Nd5 *(24...axb2 25.Qc2∓)* 25.Ne4 Ba6-+ *(25...axb2 26.Qc2∓)*]
24...axb2? 3.68/20
[24...c5 1.73/18 was worth a try.]
25.Rh1 c5? 8.12/18
[And not 25...Rxa2 26.h6±]
[25...Ra5 2.52/16]
26.h6 cxd4 27.Rxd4 8.56/16
[⌓27.hxg7 18.19/19 d3 28.Qxc4 Bxf3+ 29.Nxf3]
27...Bxf3+ 28.Nxf3 Qa4 29.Qxb2 And now hxg7 would win. **29...Qa3 30.Qd2 Qf8 31.Qg5 Nh7 32.hxg7**
[32.Qxg7+ Qxg7 33.Bxg7 *(33.hxg7 b5+-)* 33...f6 34.Rxc4 Rxa2+-]
32...Bxg5 33.gxf8R+
[33.Rxh7 Kxh7 34.gxf8N+ *(34.gxf8R Rxf8 35.Nxg5+ Kg6±; 34.Nxg5+ Kg6±)* 34...Rxf8±]
33...Rxf8 34.Nxg5
[Weaker is 34.Rxc4 f6+-]
34...f6 35.Rxh7 Intending Rdd7! and mate. **35...fxe5 36.Rdd7 Rf6 37.Rdg7+ Kf8 38.Ne4** 13.51/24
[⌓38.Rb7 31.83/27 Kg8 39.Rhg7+ *(39.Rxb6 Rf5+-)* 39...Kh8 40.Rgc7]

38...Rh6 39.Rf7+ Kg8 40.Rhg7+ Kh8 41.g4 c3 42.g5 Ra7 43.Rxa7 White mates. **43...Rh4 44.Nf6 Rg4+ 45.Nxg4 e4 46.Nf6 c2** Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=1.55
47.Rh7#
1-0

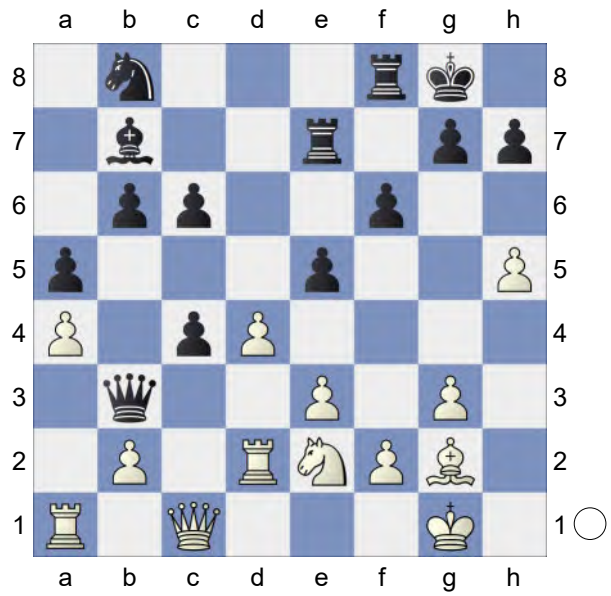
12 **E11**
□ **spiritofthenewyear** **3163**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2693**
Blitz 10.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Bc3 Ne4
[8...dxc4 9.a4 b5 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Ba5 Qe8 12.Ne5 Nd5 13.e4 *(13.b3 Nc6 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Nc3 Bb7 17.Qd2 Qd7 18.Ne4 Rfc8 19.Rfc1 Nb6 20.e3 Bd5 21.Nc3 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rab8 23.Qa2 Nd5 24.Ne4 Qc6 25.Qc2 f5* 0-1 Cavalcante,A (2002)-Tleukhanov,Y (2177) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (10) *)* 13...Nf6 14.b3 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Qd6 18.bxc4 Bg4 19.Qd4 Be2 20.Na3 Qc5 21.Nxb5 Bxc4 22.d6 Qxd4 23.Nxd4 1-0 (43) Yuffa,D (2605)-Ioannidis,E (2473) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (9)]
9.Qc2N
[9.a4 a5 *(9...Nd7 10.a5 Rb8 11.Bd2 Nxd2 12.Nbxd2 b5 13.axb6 axb6 14.Qb3* 7. Catalan Opening,4-Main Line - 7...c6 8.Bc3 Ne4*)* 10.Nbd2 f5 11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Nd2 7. Catalan Opening,4-Main Line - 7...c6 8.Bc3 Ne4]
9...b6 10.Ne5 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 White is slightly better. **11...f6 12.Nf3** 0.09/16 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[12.cxd5!± 0.73/19 fxe5 13.dxc6]
12...dxc4= 13.a4 a5 14.e3 White has compensation. **14...Ra7 15.Nd2 Ba6 16.Rfd1 Bb4 17.Ne2 Bxd2** 0.53/19
[17...b5= -0.02/19]
18.Rxd2± Qd6 19.Nf4 Re7 0.91/20
[19...Nd7± 0.42/18]
20.h4± Qb4



21.h5! Black is on the road to losing.
21...e5 1.07/21
[21...Qb3!± 0.57/20]
22.Ne2 Qb3 1.17/20
[22...Bc8± 0.67/18]
23.Qc1 Bb7

(Diagram)



24.Nc3! exd4 1.21/20
[Black should play 24...h6 0.82/19]
25.exd4 h6 1.29/20
[⌓25...Rfe8 0.91/19]
26.Re2 0.75/20
[White should play 26.Ne2 1.29/20]
26...Rfe8? 2.73/22
[26...Qb4± 0.75/20]
27.Rxe7+- Rxe7 28.Ne4 c5? 4.92/22
[28...Na6± 1.45/19 is more resistant.]
29.d5 Nd7? 5.92/22
[29...Qd3 3.66/22 was called for.]
30.Ra3 Qb4 31.Re3 Ne5 7.70/20
[⌓31...Bxd5 4.86/19 32.Nd6 *(32.Nxf6+ Nxf6 33.Rxe7 Bxg2+-)* 32...Be6 33.Rxe6 Rxe6]
32.Nc3 g5 33.d6 Rd7 34.Bxb7 Rxb7 35.Qc2 And now Rxe5! would win.
35...Nd3 36.Re8+ 15.80/26
[⌓36.Qe2 35.21/25 Rf7 37.Re8+ Kg7 38.Qe4 *(38.Qe6 Qxb2 39.Ne4 Ne5+-)*]
36...Kg7 37.Qe2 White wants to mate with Re7+. **37...Qxb2 38.Re7+ Kf8 39.Qxb2 Nxb2 40.Rxb7 Ke8 41.Nd5 Nd3 42.Re7+ Kd8?** #6/14
[42...Kf8= 0.00/5 43.d7 Kg8 44.d8Q#]
43.Nxf6 Kc8 44.d7+ Kc7 45.Re8 White mates. **45...Kc6 46.d8Q b5 47.Qd7+ Kb6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=1.18
48.Re6#
1-0

11 **E00**
□ **spiritofthenewyear** **3163**
■ **pawn_git** **2641**
Blitz 10.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E01: Catalan: Early deviations
This game demonstrates how to fight against the pair of bishops. One key strategy consists of creating strong outposts in the centre for the minor pieces. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 c6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0** White is slightly better.
8...dxc4
[8...Nbd7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Ng5 Be7 11.Ngxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 e5 13.d5 f5 14.d6 fxe4 15.dxe7 Qxe7 16.Bxe4 Nf6 17.Bg2 Bf5 18.Qe2 Rad8 19.Rfe1 Bd3 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Rxe5 Bxc4 22.Bf4 Rfe8 23.Rxe8+ ½-½ (51) Le Quang Liem (2694)-Papaioannou,I (2622) 39th Olympiad Men 2010 (8.14)]
9.Ne5N
[9.e4 Be7 10.a4 *(10.Qe2 b5 11.Rfd1 Bb7 12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.h4 h6 14.Bf4 Re8 15.Bh3 b4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.b3 c5 18.Ne5 cxb3 19.axb3 cxd4 20.Nb2 d3 21.Nbxd3 Qb6 22.Nc4 Qb5 23.Bg2 a5 24.Bd6 e5* 0-1 (59) Khotenashvili,B (2496)-Kramnik,V (2796) Qatar Masters op 2015 (1) *)* 10...b5 *(10...c5 11.e5 Nd5*

12.dxc5 Nd7 13.Ne4 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Qc2 7. Catalan Opening,4-Black sidelines - 5...Bd6 #9*)* 11.axb5 cxb5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxb5 Qb6 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Na4 Qc7 16.Qe2 Nb6 17.Rfc1 N8d7 18.Ba5 Rac8 19.b3 Bd5 20.Nb2 Qc6 21.Bxb6 Nxb6 22.bxc4 Nxc4 23.Ne1 Qb5 ½-½ (43) Nguyen,T (2193)-Munguntuul,B (2408) Asia zt 3.3 (Women) 2023 (9)]

9...Bxe5 10.dxe5 Nd5 11.Qc2 White has compensation. **11...Nd7 12.f4 b5 13.Ne4 Qb6+** 0.87/20

[13...a5= 0.10/18]

Black is now going downhill. **14.Kh1± Bb7** 1.30/20

[14...Rb8± 0.55/18]

15.Ng5 g6 16.e4 White is more active. **16...Ne3** 1.47/21

[Black should try 16...Ne7 0.91/20]

17.Bxe3 Qxe3 18.Qd1 Rfd8 2.54/24

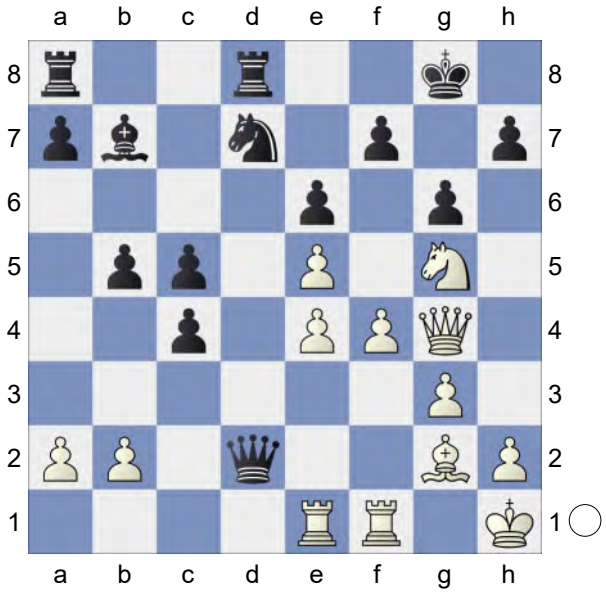
[18...Rad8± 1.52/22 19.Qg4 h5]

19.Qg4!+- c5? 4.02/23

[19...Nf8 2.10/19]

20.Rae1 Qd2 5.18/22

[20...Qd4 3.41/21 keeps fighting.]



21.Qh4!

[21.Nxe6? Nxe5 *(21...fxe6 22.Rd1=)* 22.fxe5 Bc8-+ *(22...fxe6? 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Qf7+ Kh8 26.Qxb7+-)*]

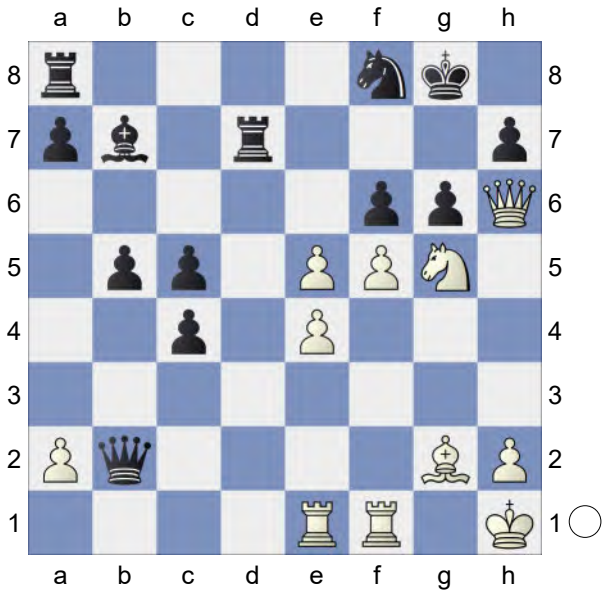
21...Nf8

[And not 21...Qxb2 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.Qxf7#]

22.g4 Qxb2 6.18/22

[⌓22...c3 4.17/19 23.f5 exf5 *(23...cxb2 24.Nxf7 exf5 25.gxf5+-; 23...Qxb2?* perishes. *24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Nxf7+-)*]

23.f5 exf5 24.gxf5 Rd7 25.Qh6 f6



26.exf6

[26.e6 Rg7 27.Rb1 Qxa2 28.Rxb5 c3 29.Rxc5 *(29.Nf7? Ba6-+)* 29...Qa3-+ *(29...fxg5? 30.Qh3-+)*]

26...Qxf6 27.e5 Bxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Rd2+ 29.Kg1 Qg7 30.Qxg7+ Remove Defender **30...Kxg7 31.f6+ Kh6 32.Nf7+ Kh5 33.e6 g5 34.e7 Re8 35.Re3 Ng6 36.Ne5 Nf4 37.f7 Rdd8 38.Nxc4 Rxe7 39.Rxe7** Strongly threatening Re8. **39...Rf8 40.Ne5 a5 41.Nd7 Rxf7 42.Rxf7 c4 43.Ne5 h6 44.Kf2** 13.68/25

[⌓44.R1xf4 #6/19 gxf4 45.Rf5+ Kh4

46.Kg2 *(46.Rxf4+ Kg5+-)* 46...f3+ 47.Kxf3 *(47.Nxf3+ Kg4 48.Nd4 Kh4 49.h3 h5 50.Nf3#)* 47...c3 48.Ng6+ Discovered Attack Kh3 49.Rh5#]

44...c3 45.Ke3 a4 46.Ra7 14.43/23

[⌓46.R7xf4 #15/28 gxf4+ 47.Rxf4 Kg5 48.h4+ Kh5 49.Kf3 c2 50.Rf5+ Kxh4 51.Ng6+ Discovered Attack Kh3 52.Rh5#]

46...b4 47.Rxa4 Kh4 48.Ra6 Kh5 49.Kf3 White wants to mate with Rc1.

49...c2 50.Ng4 Ng6? #2/6

[50...Kh4= 0.00/5 51.Rxh6+ Nh5 52.Rc1 *(52.Ne3 g4+ 53.Nxg4 b3 54.axb3 Kg5 55.h4+ Kf5 56.Re1 Ng7 57.Rf6#)* 52...b3 53.axb3 Kh3 54.Rxh5#]

51.Kg3 c1Q

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.56

52.Nf6#

1-0

13 **E11**

□ **tomlesspit** **3150**

■ **duchessAI** **2869**

Rapid 07.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+5sec E11: Bogo-Indian

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 a5

[7...h6 8.Qc2 *(8.Bc3 Ne4 9.Ne5 Nd7 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Nxe5 12.dxe5 c6 13.Rad1 Qa5 14.Kh1 dxc4 15.Qe4 b5 16.Qxc6 Rb8 17.Ne4 b4 18.Nd6 c3 19.bxc3 bxc3 20.Nc4 Qxa2 21.Ra1 Qxe2 22.Qc7 Rb4* ½-½ (55) Khoder,A (2232)-Harutyunyan,T (2524) Masters Open 2024 (3.17)*)* 8...c6 9.Bf4 Nbd7 10.Rd1 a5 11.Nc3 b6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.e4 d4 16.Rxd4 Bc5 17.Rdd1 g5 18.Bc1 Qc7 19.Na4 Qxe5 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Be3 Ba6 22.Bd4 1-0 (40) Esipenko,A (2683)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (10)]

8.Qc2 c6N

[8...Nbd7 9.Rc1 c6 10.a4 Ne4 11.Be1 f5 12.Nbd2 Bd6 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.f3 exf3 16.exf3 e5 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Bf2 Nb4 20.Qb3+ Kh8 21.Nc4 Bd4 22.Rd1 Bxf2+ 23.Kxf2 0-1 (32) Volkov,M (2219)-Riazantsev,A (2626) Cheliabinsk Kurnosov Memorial Rapid-A 2022 (1)]

9.Rd1 Nbd7 White has an edge. **10.Bf4 b6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5**

[12.Bxe5 Ba6=]

12...Nd7 13.Nc3 Bc5 0.70/22

[13...Nc5= 0.13/19]

14.Na4± Qe7 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.h4 Ba6 17.b3 h6 18.e4 0.14/23

[18.a4± 0.55/20]

18...d4= 19.Rd3 a4 20.Qe2 Rfb8 0.75/20

[20...Bc8= 0.18/22]

21.g4± axb3 0.97/22

[21...Qxh4 22.Rh3 Qd8 23.Rd1∓]

[21...Ra7± 0.36/20]

22.axb3 Bc8 0.96/19

[22...Qxh4± 0.39/19 23.Rh3 Qe7]

23.Rb1! White is more active. **23...Nf8!**

24.Rg3 0.49/19

[White should try 24.g5!± 1.08/18]

24...Qxh4±

[24...Ng6 25.Bc1∓]

25.Rh3 Qe7

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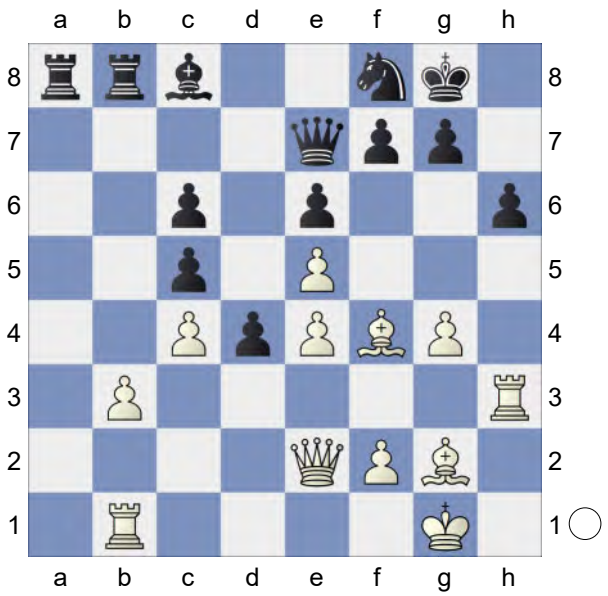
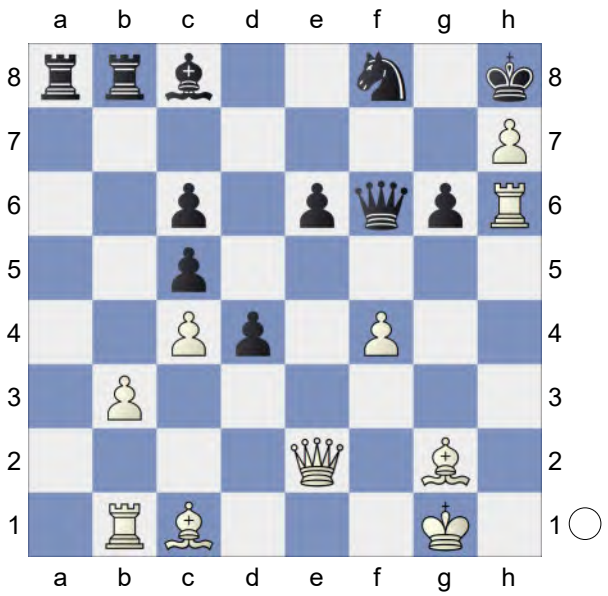


26.g5! Ng6
[26...hxg5 27.Qh5 f6 *(27...Ng6 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qh8+* Back Rank *Nxh8 30.Rxh8#)* 28.Qh8+ Kf7 29.exf6 gxf6 30.Bxb8+-]
27.Bc1 Nxe5
[27...hxg5? 28.Qh5 f5 *(28...Nxe5 29.Qh8#)* 29.Qxg6+-]
28.gxh6 g6 29.f4 Nd7 30.h7+
[30.e5 Kh7=]
30...Kh8 31.e5 A mistake that costs the game. **31...f6?** 2.43/20
[31...Nf8!= 0.09/16]
32.exf6+-
[32.Bxc6 Bb7 33.exf6 Nxf6 34.Bxb7 Qxb7=]
32...Qxf6 33.Rh6! and f5! would now be decisive **33...Nf8** 3.05/26
[33...Ba6 2.14/19 might work better. 34.Be4 *(34.Bxc6 Ra7±)* 34...Nf8]

(Diagram)



34.f5! e5 Prevents Bf4.
[34...Nxh7? 35.fxg6 *(35.Rxg6 Qxf5 36.Be4 Ra2+-)* 35...Rb7 36.Qh5+- *(36.gxh7 Qf5+-; 36.Rxh7+ Rxh7 37.gxh7 e5+-)*]
[34...exf5? 35.Bf4 Ba6 36.Be5+-]
35.fxg6→ White attacks with force.
35...Ne6? 5.44/23
[35...Nxg6 1.64/24 36.Qh5 Bf5]
36.Be4
[36.Bxc6 Ra7±]
36...Ng7 37.Qg2 Bf5 38.Bg5 A strong pair of Bishops. **38...Qe6** 8.16/22
[⌓38...Bxe4 4.31/21 39.Bxf6 Bxg2]
39.Bxf5 Qxf5 40.Rf1 Qd3 41.Qh3
[41.Qxc6 Rf8 42.Rxf8+ *(42.Qg2? Rxf1+* Deflection *43.Qxf1 Qg3+ 44.Kh1 Qxg5-+)* 42...Rxf8=]
41...Rxb3

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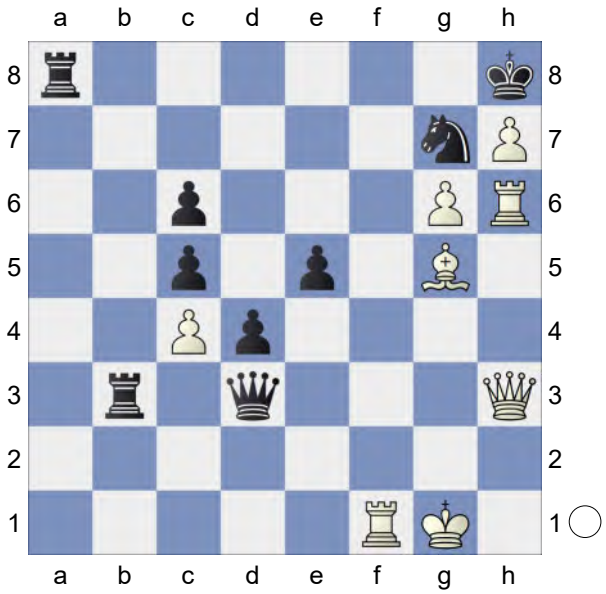
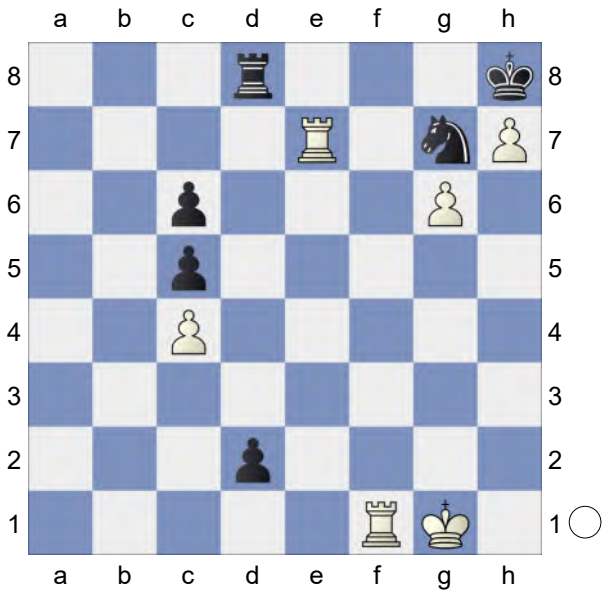


42.Qxd3 Rxd3 43.Rh2 Rg3+ 44.Rg2 Rxg5 45.Rxg5 Endgame KRR-KRN **45...e4 46.Re5 Rd8 47.Rxe4 d3 48.Re7 d2**



49.Rd7! Deflection, Back Rank **49...Ra8**
[49...Re8 50.Rxd2]
50.Rxd2 Rdf2 would kill now. **50...Re8 51.Rd7 Rc8 52.Rdf7 Ne6 53.Kg2** 34.98/19
[⌓53.Kh2 #9/20 Re8 54.Kg3 *(54.R1f6 Rd8+-)* 54...Rd8 55.R7f6 *(55.Kg4 Re8 56.R1f6 Rd8 57.Kh5 Re8 58.Kh6 Rc8 59.g7+* Deflection *Nxg7 60.Rf8+* Back Rank *Rxf8 61.Rxf8#)* 55...Rd3+ 56.Kg4 Rd4+ 57.Kh5 Ng7+ 58.Kg5]
53...Rb8 54.Kg3 Nf4 55.R7xf4 Kg7 56.Kg4 34.20/5
[⌓56.Rf7+ #6/14 Kh8 57.Rf8+ Rxf8 58.Rxf8+ Kg7 59.h8Q+ *(59.h8R Kxg6 60.Rhg8+ Kh5 61.Rg4 Kh6 62.Rh8#; 59.Rg8+ Kf6 60.h8Q+ Kf5 61.Rd8 Kxg6 62.Rf8 Kg5 63.Qg7+ Kh5 64.Rh8#)* 59...Kxg6 60.Rf6+ Kg5 61.Qh6#]
56...Ra8 57.Rf7+ White mates. **57...Kh8 58.Rf8+ Rxf8 59.Rxf8+ Kg7 60.h8Q+ Kxg6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=1.35
61.Rf6#
1-0

15 **E04**
□ **spiritofthenewyear** **3149**
■ **weiawaga** **2603**
Blitz 09.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

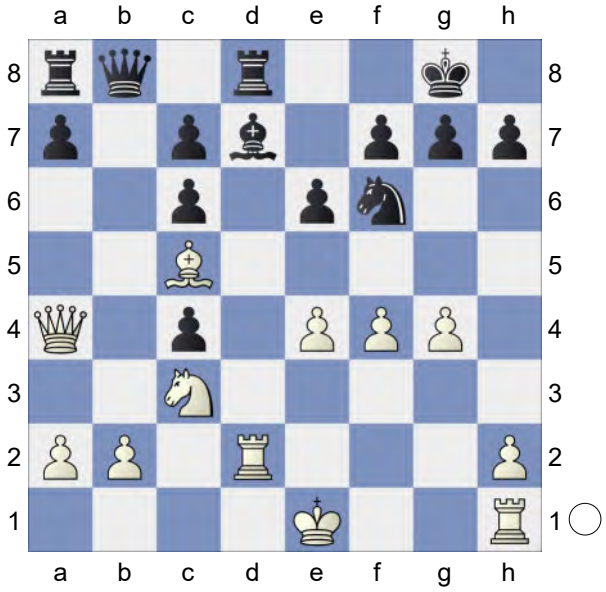
Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bd6 7.Ne5 Bxe5 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.dxe5 White is better.
9...Nd7 10.Be3N
[10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bf4 Nb6 12.Qa5 14. Catalan open 4... dxc4 5.-4...dxc4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bd6]
[10.0-0 0-0 11.Qa5 Rb8 12.Rd1 f6 13.Na3 c3 14.b3 fxe5 15.Be3 Chapter-Games Chapter - 11]
10...Nxe5 11.Nc3 Repels Qd5 **11...0-0 12.Rd1** White has compensation.
12...Bd7 1.74/26
[12...Nd7± 0.50/23]
13.f4 0.65/23

[13.Bc5!+- 1.74/26]

13...Ng4± 14.Bc5 Re8 15.e4 Nf6 16.Rd2 Qb8 17.g4↑ White is in control.

17...Rd8? 2.56/23

[17...Bc8± 0.73/20]



18.Be7!+-

[18.Qxc4 Be8 19.Rg2 Nd7=]

18...Nxg4 3.48/21

[⌓18...Re8 2.28/22]

19.Rg1 h5 3.51/16

[19...e5? 20.Rxg4 *(20.Qxc4 Be6±)* 20...Qb6 21.f5 *(21.fxe5? Bxg4 22.Ne2 Rxd2-+* Remove Defender*)* 21...Bxf5 22.exf5+- *(22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.exf5 Rd4+-)*]

[19...f5 2.19/18 was called for.]

20.Qa3 Strongly threatening h3!.

20...e5? 4.88/18

[20...Qb6 21.Rg3+-]

[20...Re8 2.83/16 21.Rxd7 Nxh2]

21.f5 Qb6

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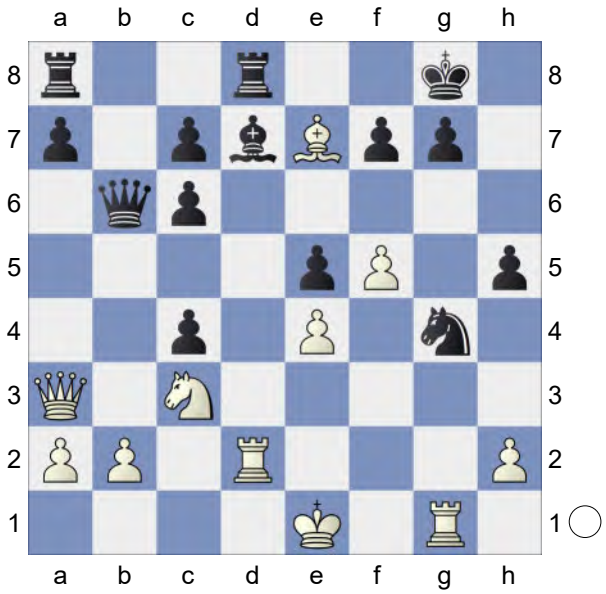

22.Rg3 Active counter play! **22...Re8** 6.32/18

[⌓22...c5 4.36/18 23.Nd5 Qb8 24.Bxd8 *(24.Qxc5 c6+-)* 24...Qxd8 25.Qxc5 c3 26.Ne7+ *(26.Rxc3 Qh4+ 27.Kd1 Kh7+-; 26.bxc3 Rb8±; 26.Nxc3 Qh4+-)* 26...Kh7 27.Rxc3 Rb8]

23.h3

[23.Rxd7? perishes. Qf2+ 24.Kd1 Qxh2-+]

[23.Rxg4 hxg4 24.Bc5 *(24.Rxd7? Qg1+ 25.Kd2 Qxh2+ 26.Ne2 Rab8-+)* 24...Qb8 25.Rxd7 Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8∓]

23...Bxf5 24.exf5 Nh6 25.Bc5 Qb7 26.Ne4 c3 27.Qxc3 8.87/17

[Weaker is 27.Nxc3 Nxf5 28.Rg5 Nh4+-]

[⌓27.Rxg7+ 20.08/19 Kxg7 28.Qxc3 Nxf5 29.Rg2+ *(29.Qf3 Re6+-)* 29...Kh8 30.Qf3]

27...Kh8

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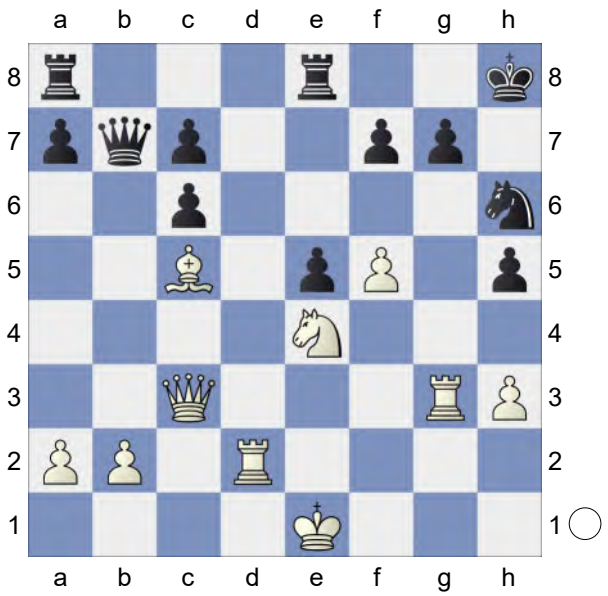
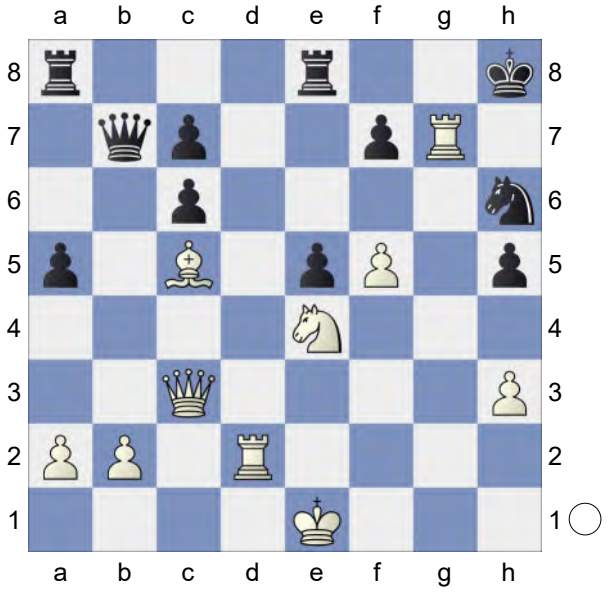


Black is weak on the dark squares
28.Rxg7! Intending Qf3! and mate.
Decoy, Clearance **28...a5**
[28...Nxf5 29.Rxf7]



29.Qe3! Re6
[29...Nxf5 30.Nf6]
30.f6 Ng4 31.Rxg4 White mates.
31...Rxf6 32.Nxf6 hxg4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=1.51
33.Qh6#
1-0

14 **E11**
□ **tomlesspit** **3149**
■ **PetersBot** **3087**
Rapid 27.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 15min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.d4 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.e4 next cxd5 is good for White. **10...dxc4**
11.e5! White is slightly better. **11...Nd5**
12.Ne4 h6N Prevents Neg5
[12...Ba6 13.Neg5 g6 14.h4 Kg7 15.h5 c5 *(15...c3 16.bxc3 Bxf1 17.Bxf1 b5 18.Qe4 Qe8 19.Bd3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 h6 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nf3 N7b6 23.Kg2 h5 24.Rh1 Qf7 25.g4 Nc4 26.Bg5 Nxc3 27.Bf6+ Kg8 28.Qe1 Nd5 29.Ng5 Qd7 30.Bxg6* ½-½ (35) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Radjabov,T (2753) 10th Chess 2022 (9.2)*)* 16.Qe4 cxd4 17.Qg4 c3 18.hxg6 cxd2 19.Nxf7 Qc8 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.Bxd5 hxg6 22.Bxa8 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qxa8 24.Ng5 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Qd5 26.Qxd2 Rh8 27.Nf5+ (31) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (2)]
13.g4 -0.01/15
[13.Qxc4± 0.35/17 c5 14.Qa4]
13...c5!= 14.g5 cxd4! 15.gxh6 Qc7 16.hxg7 Rd8 17.Neg5 d3
[17...Nxe5 18.Qh7#]
18.Qd1 Some like it hot **18...Nxe5**
19.Re1⇄ White is fighting back
19...Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 Bxg5! 21.Bxg5 f6!

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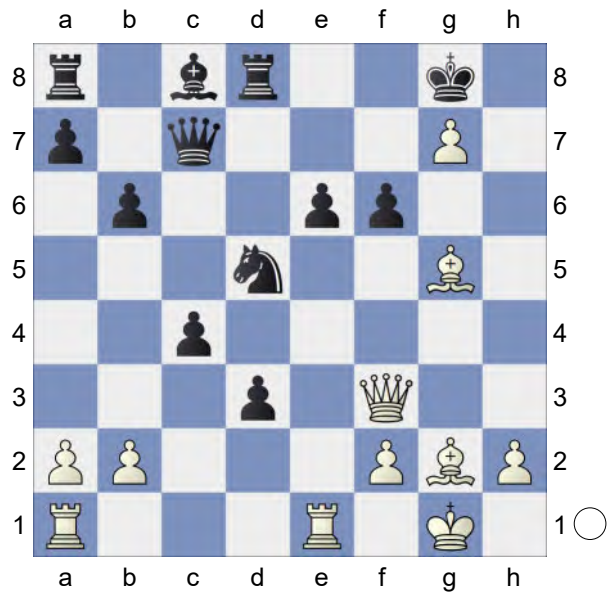
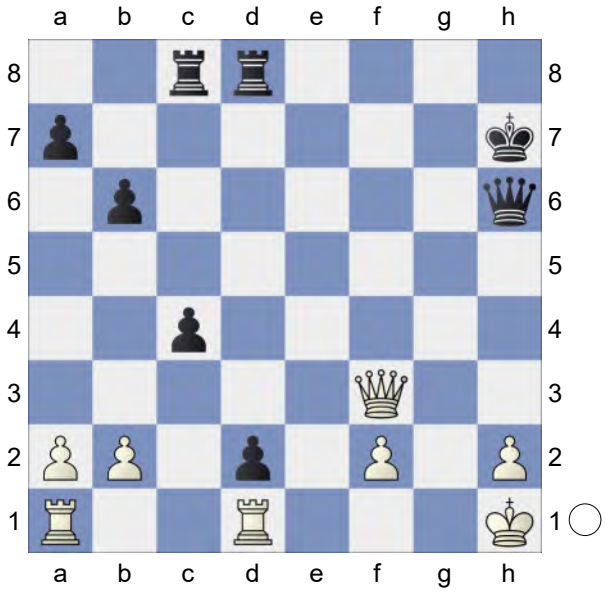


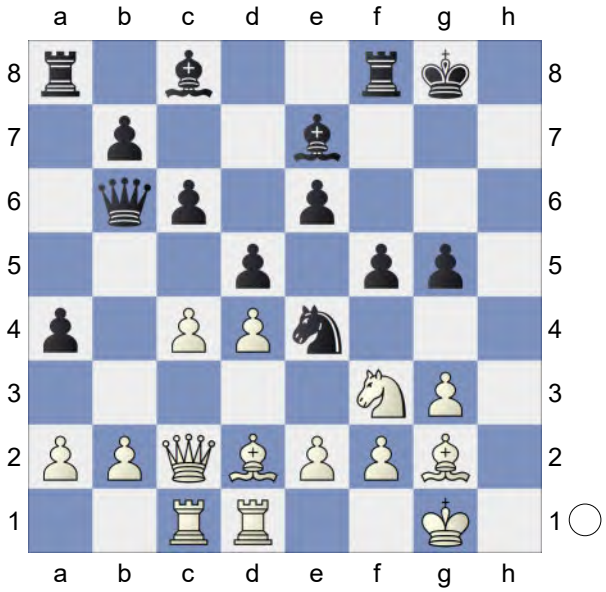
Deflection **22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.Qxf6**
[23.Qxa8? d2 *(23...Qxg7 24.Re3±; 23...Kxg7 24.Qf3=)* 24.Qf3 dxe1Q+-+ *(24...dxe1B? 25.Qxf6 Bb4 26.Qh4-+; 24...dxe1R+? 25.Rxe1 Qxg7 26.Qc6-+)*]
23...d2! 24.Red1 -0.01/18 White is more active.
[24.Bxa8 dxe1N *(24...dxe1B 25.Rxe1 Qxg7+ 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.Bf3∓)* 25.Rxe1 Qxg7+ 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7∓]
[24.Qh4!± 0.65/21]
24...Bb7 The position is equal.
25.Qxe6+ Kxg7 26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.Qf5+ Kg7 28.Qg5+ Kh7 29.Kh1
[29.Rxd2? Rxd2 30.Qxd2 Rg8 31.Qc2+ Rg6-+]
29...Bxg2+ 30.Qxg2 Rg1 would kill now. **30...Qg7! 31.Qe4+ Qg6 32.Qe7+ Qg7**
[32...Kg8? 33.Rg1 d1Q 34.Raxd1 Rxd1 35.Qe6+ *(35.Rxd1 Re8±)* 35...Kh8 36.Qxg6+-]
33.Qh4+ Qh6 34.Qe7+ Qg7 35.Qh4+ Qh6 36.Qe4+ Qg6! 37.Qf4 Hoping for Rg1!. **37...Qh6 38.Qf5+ Qg6 39.Qh3+ Qh6!**
[39...Kg8? 40.Rg1 d1Q 41.Raxd1 Rxd1 42.Qe6+ *(42.Rxd1 Qe4+ 43.f3 Qh7+-)* 42...Kh8 43.Qxg6+-]
40.Qf5+ Qg6 41.Qh3+ Qh6!
[Not 41...Kg8? 42.Rg1 d1Q 43.Raxd1 Rxd1 44.Qe6+ *(44.Rxd1 Qe4+ 45.f3 Qh7+-)* 44...Kh8 45.Qxg6+-]
42.Qf3
[42.Qg4 looks sharper. Rac8 43.Rg1 Rg8 44.Qe4+]
42...Rac8



43.Rxd2! Qxd2 44.Qf5+ Kh6 45.Qe6+ Kh5 46.Qf7+ Kh6 47.Qe6+ Kh5 48.Qf7+ Kh6 49.Qf6+ Kh5 50.Qf3+ Kh4 51.Qe4+ Kh5 52.Qf3+ Kh4 Hoping for ...Qd5!. **53.Qe4+ Kh5** A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
54.Qf3+
½-½

16 **E00**
□ **tomlesspit** **3144**
■ **expositor** **2941**
Rapid 03.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+5sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 Be7 8.0-0 c6 9.Rd1 Nbd7 White has an edge. **10.Bf4 a4**
[10...b6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.e4 d4 15.Rxd4 g5 16.Bc1 Qe8 17.Rd1 Nxe5 18.Be3 Ba6 19.Bxb6 Rc8 20.Nc3 Nc4 21.Bf1 Nxb6 22.Bxa6 Rc5 23.a4 Qc6 24.Bb5 Qc7 25.Qe2 1-0 (35) Lazarevic,M (2639)-Krabbe,W (2594) Saint Petersburg (zt) 57/110 1993 (5)]
11.h4N
[11.Nbd2 Nh5 12.Be3 f5 13.Ne1 Bd6 14.Nd3 Qf6 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nfe5 g5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.f4 Nb6 19.fxg5 hxg5 20.Rf1 Be6 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.Qxc5 Nd7 23.Qd6 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Qg6 25.Bxg5 Qxg5 ½-½ (67) Frolyanov,D (2616)-Danin,A (2527) (m/2) 110/142 2010 26.Qxe6+ Kg7 27.Rf3 Rae8 28.Qd6 Qe7 29.Raf1 Qxe5 30.Qb4 b5 31.Qh4 Kg6 32.g4 Ng7 33.gxf5+ Rxf5 34.Rxf5 Nxf5 35.Qg4+ Kf6 36.Bh3 Qe3+ 37.Kh1 Qe4+ 38.Qxe4 Rxe4 39.Bxf5 Rb4 40.Bc2+ Ke5 1-0 (67) Gorelov,S (2491)-Wirsching,A (2621) IECG CP. 2003.Q.00006 email (1.2)]
[11.a3 Re8 12.Nc3 dxc4 13.Nd2 Nd5 14.Nxc4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Qc7 16.e3 f6 17.Rac1 b5 18.Nd2 Qb6 19.Qe4 Nb8 20.Na2 f5 21.Qb1 Bb7 22.Nb4 Bxb4 23.axb4 Na6 24.Nf3 Nxb4 25.Ne5 Nd5 1-0 (39) Amangeldy,E (1903)-Nemsadze,D (2010) Wch U14 Mamaia 2022 (10)]
11...h6 12.Nbd2 Ng4 13.Nf1 f5 14.Rac1 Ndf6 0.47/16
[14...Qe8= 0.07/17]
15.N1h2± Nxh2 16.Kxh2 Ne4 0.53/16
[16...g5= 0.08/17 17.hxg5 hxg5]
17.Kg1 g5 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Bd2 Qb6 0.88/18
[19...Qe8= 0.22/17 remains equal.]



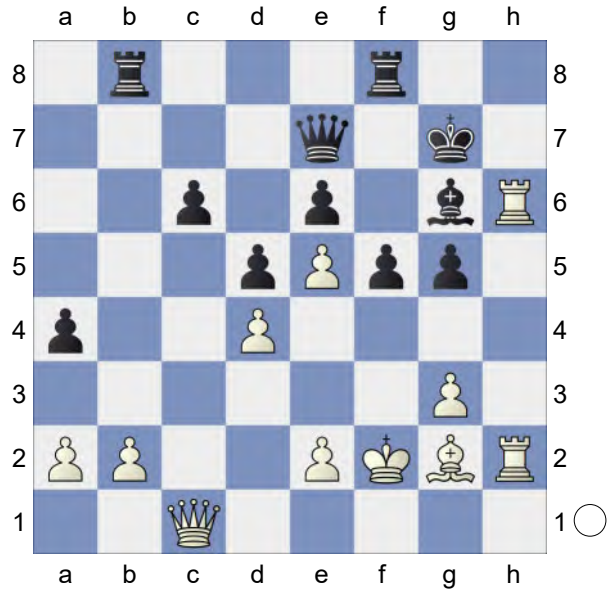
20.c5 0.38/23
[20.Be3!± 0.88/18]
20...Qc7 21.Ne5 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Bf6 23.f4 Bd7 24.Kf2
[24.fxg5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Qxe5∓]
24...Be8 25.Rh1
[25.fxg5 Bxe5 26.dxe5 Qxe5=]
25...Kg7 Against Rh6 **26.Rh2** White has more active pieces.
[26.fxg5 Bxe5 27.dxe5 Qxe5=]
26...Bg6 27.Rch1 The board is on fire.
[27.fxg5 Bxe5 28.dxe5 f4 29.gxf4 Rxf4+ 30.Qxf4 Rf8∓]
27...Bxe5 28.fxe5
[But not 28.dxe5 b6∓]
28...Qe7 29.Rh6 b6? 2.25/20
30.cxb6+- A mistake that costs the game. **30...Ra6?** 5.14/21

[30...c5± 1.38/16]

31.Qc1

[Weaker is 31.b7 Rb6±]

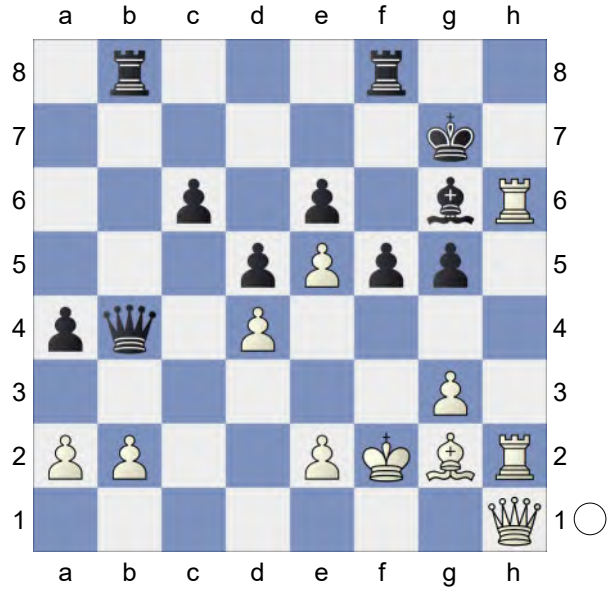
31...Rxb6 32.R1h2 Rbb8



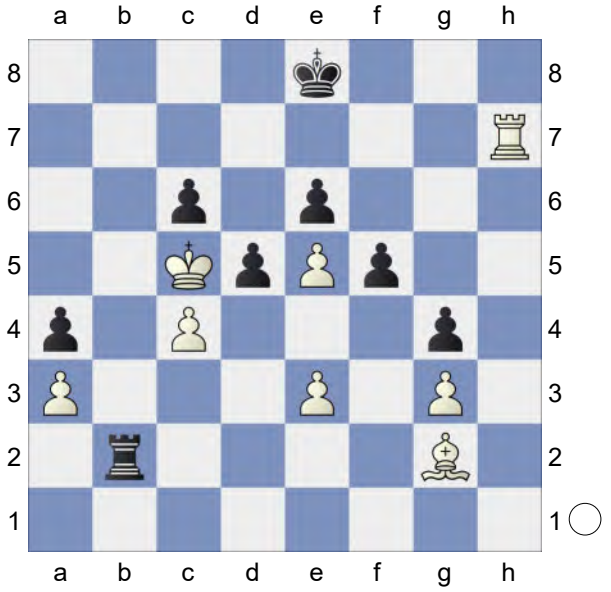
33.Qh1!

[33.Qxc6 Rfc8 34.Qxa4 Rc4∓]

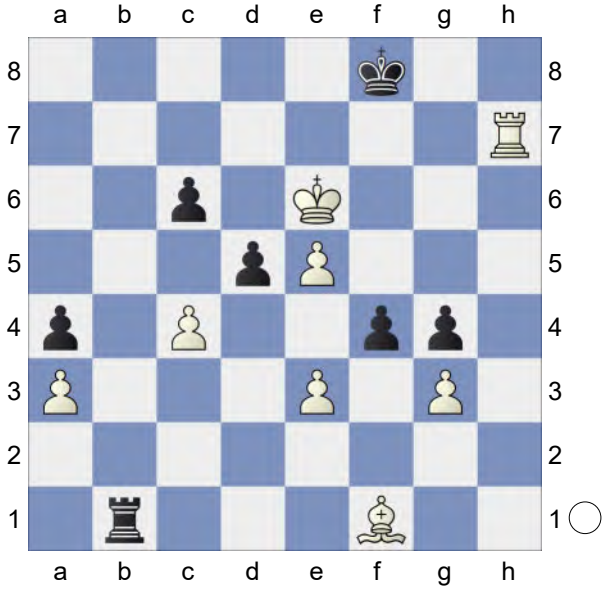
33...Qb4



34.Rxg6+! Kxg6 35.Rh7 Qxd4+ 36.Ke1 Qc3+ 37.bxc3 Rb1+ 38.Kd2 Rxh1 39.Rxh1 Endgame KRB-KR **39...Rb8 40.Kc2** Dodges Rb2+ **40...Rd8 41.Rb1 Kh5 42.Bf3+ g4 43.Bg2 Kg5 44.e3 Rh8 45.a3 Rh2 46.Rg1 Kg6 47.Kd3 Kf7 48.Kd4 Rh8 49.Rb1** Prevents Rb8 **49...Rh2 50.Rb2 Ke7 51.Kc5 Kd7 52.c4 Kc7 53.Rd2 Rh6 54.Rd1 Rh2 55.Rg1 Kd7 56.Kb4 Rh8 57.Rh1 Rb8+ 58.Kc5 Rb2 59.Rh7+ Ke8**



60.Kd6! Kf8 61.Bf1 aiming for cxd5. **61...Rb1 62.Kxe6** Bd3 would kill now. **62...f4**



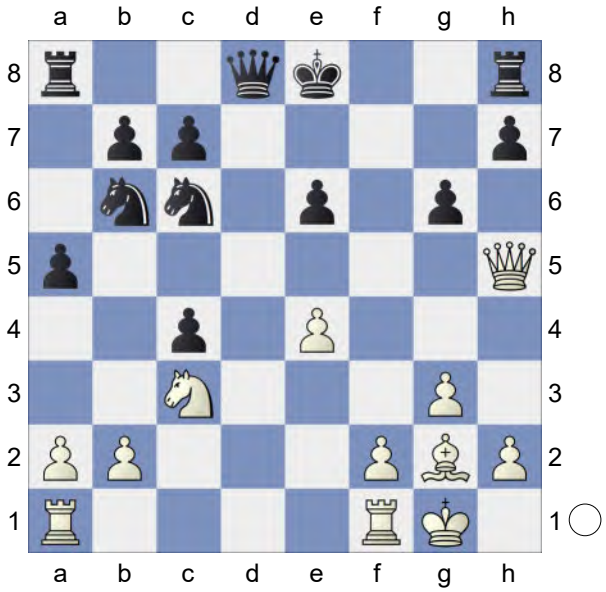
63.Kf6! White mates. **63...Kg8 64.Rg7+ Kh8 65.Bd3 Rb8 66.Bg6 fxe3 67.Bf7 Rb6 68.Rxg4 c5+ 69.e6 Rxe6+ 70.Bxe6 Kh7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.38
71.Rh4#
1-0

17	**E04**
□ **Spiritofthenewyear**	**3135**
■ **Weiawaga**	**2608**
Blitz	09.03.2024

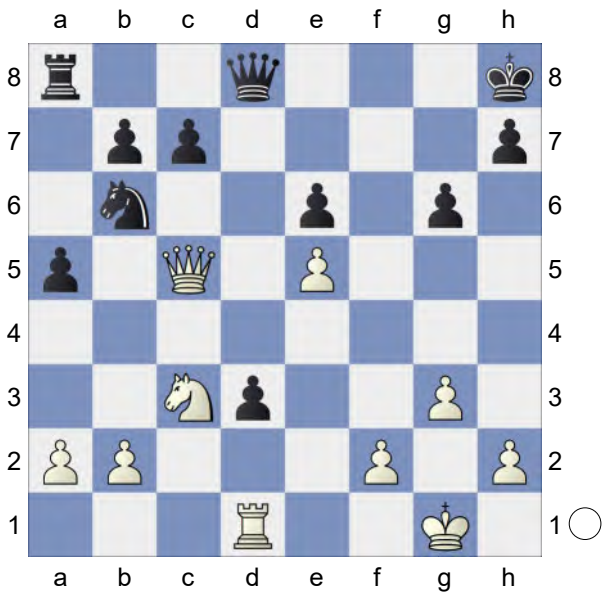
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.Nc3 Bd7! 10.0-0! White has compensation. White has an edge. **10...a5! 11.Qd1 Nd5N**
[11...0-0 12.e3 a4
A) 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Bxd5 Bh3 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Bxf7+ Kh8 19.Rxf1 Nc6 20.Qh5 *(20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Qh5 Rb8 22.Bxc4 Rxb2 23.Bd3 g6 24.Bxg6 Qe7* Catalan/3-4...dxc4 5 Bg2 Nc6 1 d4 d5 2 c4 2020*)* 20...Nxe5 21.dxe5 Ra5 22.Rd1 Qe7 23.Bg6 h6 24.f4 Rb5 25.Bc2 Rb6 26.Qf3 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 1-0 (52) Skopec,L (2679)-Kobelev,A (2673) Istanbul ol (Women) 40th 2012 (2);
B) 13.Nxa4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bxa4 *(14...Rxa4 15.Qxc4 Qf6 16.Nd4 Nd5 17.Qc2 b6 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.Qxc6 Ra5 20.Qc2 Rb5 21.Rab1 Rc5 22.Qb3 h5 23.Rfd1 h4 24.Rbc1 Qe5 25.Rxc5* 1-0 Hasselmeyer,A (2494)-Anderson,W (2461) corr WS/GMN/023 2010 *)* 15.Qxc4 Qe7 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.a3 Nd5 18.Nd2 Nb6 19.Qc3 c5 20.b3 Be8 21.e4 e5 22.Bf1 f6 23.a4 Bf7 24.a5 Nd7 25.b4 Nf8 26.b5 1-0 (35) Rodshtein,M (2691)-Harutyunian,T (2422) 15th ch-EUR Indiv 2014 (1.20)]
12.e4 Nb6 13.d5↑ White has some pressure. **13...Ne7 14.dxe6 Bxe6 15.Nd4 Nc6** 0.78/21
[15...Qd7= 0.29/16]
16.Nxe6± fxe6 17.Qh5+ g6



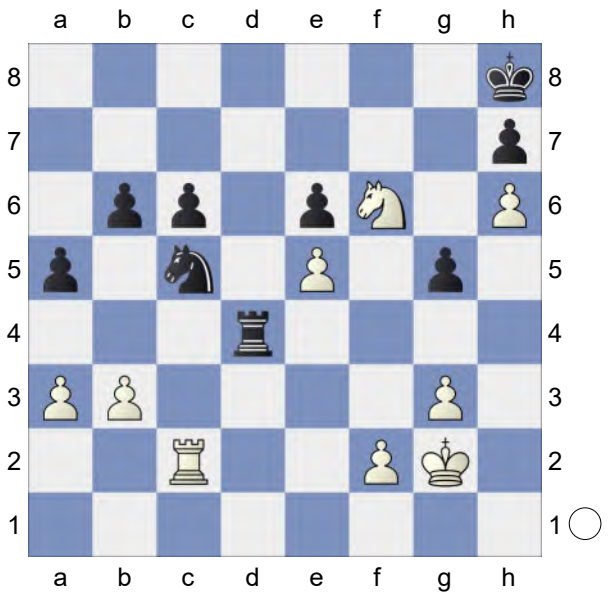
18.Qb5 0-0 White must now prevent ... a4. **19.e5 Nd4** 1.24/19
[Black should try 19...Qe8± 0.66/18]
20.Qc5 Nf3+ 1.62/20
[20...Nf5± 0.85/18]
21.Bxf3+- Rxf3 22.Rad1 Dodges Qd7
22...Rd3 23.Rxd3 cxd3 24.Rd1 Kh8 1.57/18
[⌓24...Nd7 0.98/19 25.Qb5 *(25.Rxd3? Nxc5 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8-+)* 25...Qe7]

(Diagram)



25.Qe3!± White is more active. **25...Qe7**
[25...Nc4 26.Qf4 Nb6 *(26...Nxb2? 27.Rd2+-)* 27.Qe4±]
26.Rxd3
[26.Qxd3 Kg7 27.a3 Qc5±]
26...Nd7 1.87/18
[26...Re8± 1.44/17 27.h4 Nd7]
27.Ne4+- b6? 3.83/19
[27...Nxe5± 1.52/18 28.Rd2 Qg7]
28.Rd2 Nc5 4.46/21
[28...Rf8 3.15/18 was necessary. 29.Qd4 Nc5]
29.Nf6 Rd8 30.h4 Nb7 31.Rc2 Nc5 32.Rc4 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 Qf8 34.Qe2 Qd8 7.36/20
[34...Rd8 3.98/18 35.h5 g5]
35.h5 Qd3 36.Qxd3 Rxd3 Endgame KRN-KRN **37.h6 Rd2 38.Kg2 Rd3 39.b3 c6 40.Rc2 Rd4 41.a3 g5**

(Diagram)



42.b4! axb4
[42...Ne4 43.Rxc6]
43.axb4 Ne4 44.Rxc6 Nxf6 45.exf6 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **45...Kg8?** 32.86/28
[45...Rxb4= 0.00/5 46.Rc8#]
46.Rc7 And now Rg7+ would win.
[Less strong is 46.Rxb6 Kf7 47.Rb7+ Kxf6 48.Rxh7 Rxb4+-]
46...g4 47.Rg7+ Kh8 48.f7 Rd8 49.Rxg4 Rf8 50.Rc4 b5 51.Rc7 Intending Re7 and mate. **51...Rd8 52.Re7** White mates. **52...Rg8 53.Re8** Back Rank **53...Rxe8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=1.18
54.fxe8Q#
1-0

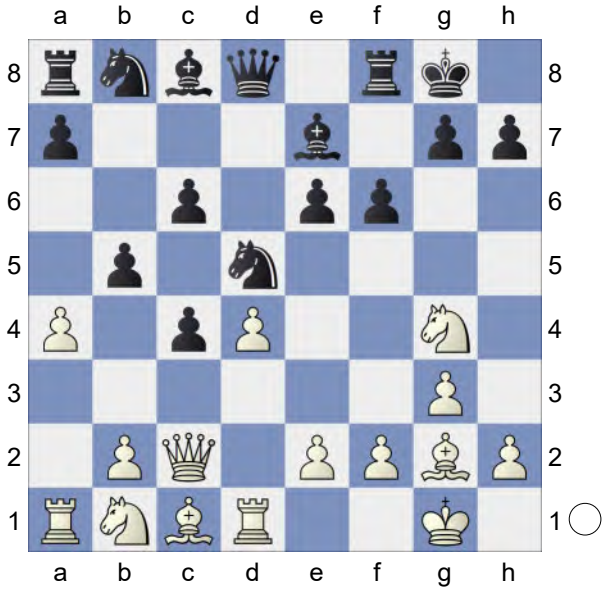
18 **E05**
□ **spiritofthenewyear** **3134**
■ **expositor** **2712**
Blitz 30.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
Arkadij Naiditsch: 'The second game of

the match was also very interesting. Aronian started with 1.e4, a very unsual first move for him, and Kramnik answered with the usual unbreakeble weapon of his, the Berlin defence. It seemed like after the opening Kramnik managed to get an almost equal position, but suddenly he had to face a few difficulties. A great game on how to defend a worse position!' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b6 8.Ne5** Discovered Attack. White has compensation. **8...Nd5N**

[8...Qxd4 9.Bxa8 *(9.Nxf7 Nd5 10.Ng5 Bxg5 11.Bxg5 Bb7 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Qd1 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 N8c6 16.Rd7 Rf7* 2.1) Catalan-Catalan 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 O-O 6. *)* 9...Qxe5 10.Bf3 Nd5 11.Qxc4 Ba6 12.Qa4 *(12.Qc2 c5 13.Nc3 Nc6 14.Qa4 Bb7 15.Rd1 Nd4 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Qxa7 Qc7 18.Rxd4 cxd4 19.Nxd5 Qd7 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.Bf4 d3 22.exd3 Qd7 23.Rf1 Qc6 24.f3 Ra8 25.Qxa8+ Bxa8 26.Rc1 Qe6* 0-1 (27) Swinkels,R (2513)-Ernst,S (2538) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (13.3)*; 12.Qe4 Qxe4 13.Bxe4 Bf6 14.Re1 c5 15.Nd2 Nc6* 2.1) Catalan-Catalan 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 O-O 6.*)* 12...c5 13.Rd1 *(13.Re1 b5 14.Qe4 Nc6 15.Nc3 Rd8 16.Rd1 Qxe4 17.Bxe4 Nd4 18.Bxd5 b4 19.Bb3 bxc3 20.bxc3 Nxe2+ 21.Kg2 Bb7+ 22.f3 Rxd1 23.Bxd1 Nxc3 24.Bd2 Nxd1 25.Rxd1 Bd5 26.Rb1 g5 27.Kf2 Bxa2* ½-½ (37) Aronian,L (2820)-Kramnik,V (2801) Zuerich m_32090 2012 (2) *)* 13...Bf6 14.Na3 Bxe2 15.Bxe2 Qxe2 16.Qc2 Qh5 17.Bd2 Nc6 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Ne5 20.c4 Nf6 21.f4 Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Nxh2 23.Qd3 (28) 2.2) Catalan – Model Games-Arjun Kumar Erigaisi − Mart, A]

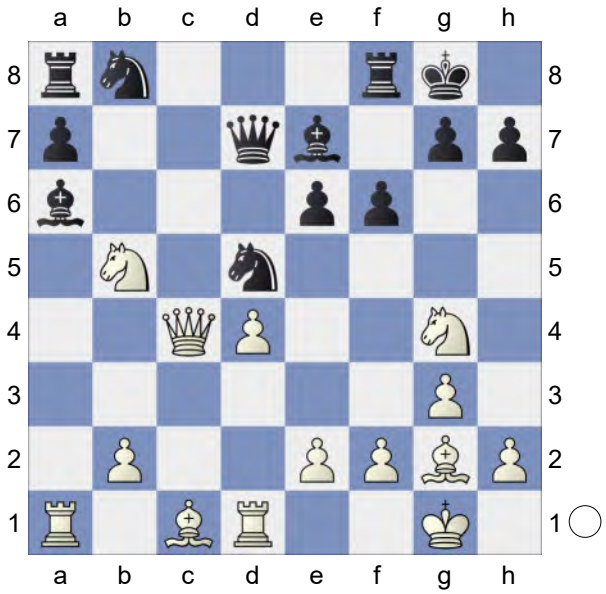
9.Rd1 b5 White is slightly better. **10.a4 f6 11.Ng4 c6**



12.axb5! cxb5 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Nxb5 Qd7 15.Qxc4

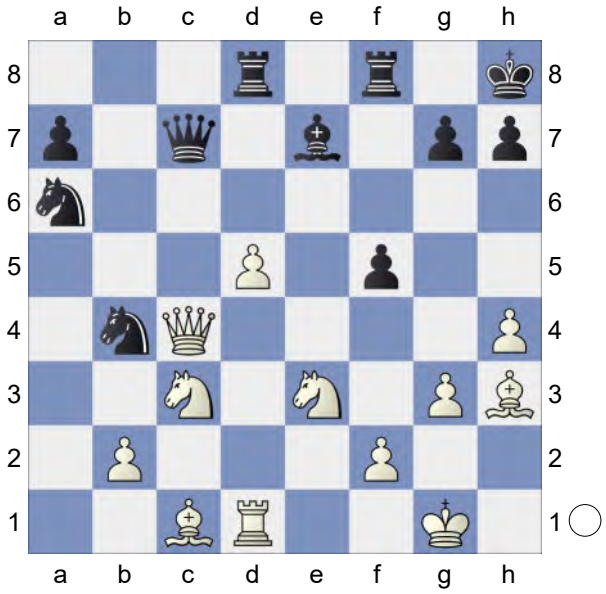
[15.Nxa7 Ba6 16.b3 c3∓ *(16...Rxa7 17.bxc4 Nb4 18.Qa4∓; 16...cxb3 17.Qxb3 Rxa7 18.e4∓)*]

15...Ba6

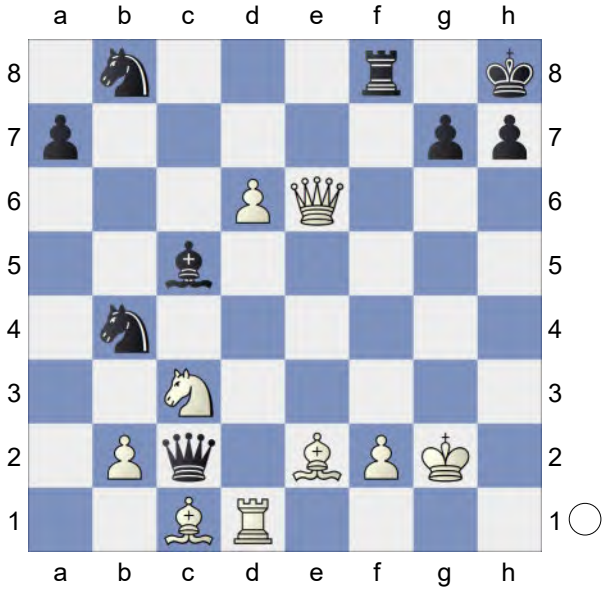


16.Rxa6 Nxa6 17.e4 Ndb4 1.05/18

[17...Nb6± 0.49/17 18.Qb3 Rab8]
18.Ne3± Kh8 19.h4 0.91/17
[⌓19.Bh3 1.38/17]
19...f5 1.62/19
[19...Rab8± 0.91/17]
20.exf5+- Rab8 Black is weak on the light squares **21.Nc3↑** Black is under strong pressure.
[21.fxe6 Qxb5 22.d5 Rfd8= *(22...Qxc4 23.Nxc4 Rbe8 24.Ne5=)*]
21...exf5 22.Bh3 Rbd8 1.97/18
[22...Rbc8± 1.39/15 23.Qe2 g6]
23.d5 This costs Black the game.
23...Qc7? 2.73/18
[23...Bc5± 1.15/16]

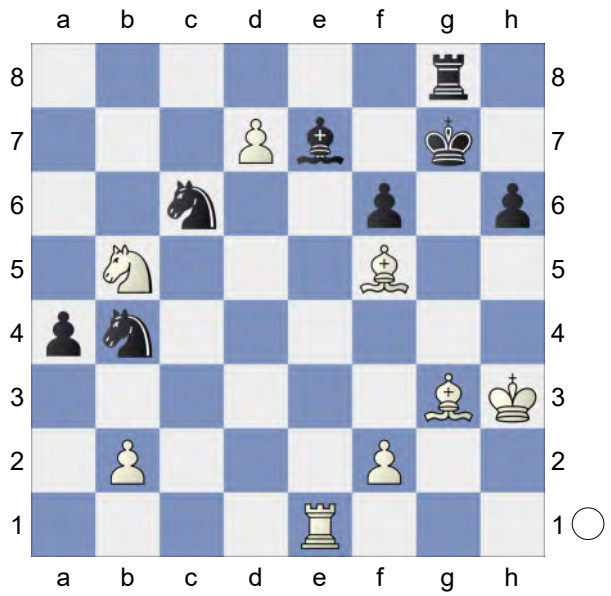


24.Qe2!
[24.Bxf5? Qxc4 25.Nxc4 Rxf5-+]
24...Bc5 3.39/19
[24...Qe5 2.03/16 was called for. 25.f4 Qc7]
25.Nxf5 Rxf5 26.Bxf5 Qxg3+ 27.Kh1 Qxh4+ 28.Kg2 Qf6 29.Bg4 Qg6 30.Qe6 Qc2 31.Be2 Rf8 4.56/19
[⌓31...Nc7 3.06/21 32.Qe4 Ne8 *(32...Rf8? 33.d6+-)* 33.Qxc2 Nxc2]
32.d6
[32.Bxa6 leads to mate. Qxf2+ *(32...Rxf2+ 33.Kg3∓)* 33.Kh3 Rf3+ 34.Kg4 Rg3+ 35.Kh5 Qh2+]
32...Nb8
[Of course not 32...Rxf2+ 33.Kh3 Rf8 34.Rf1]

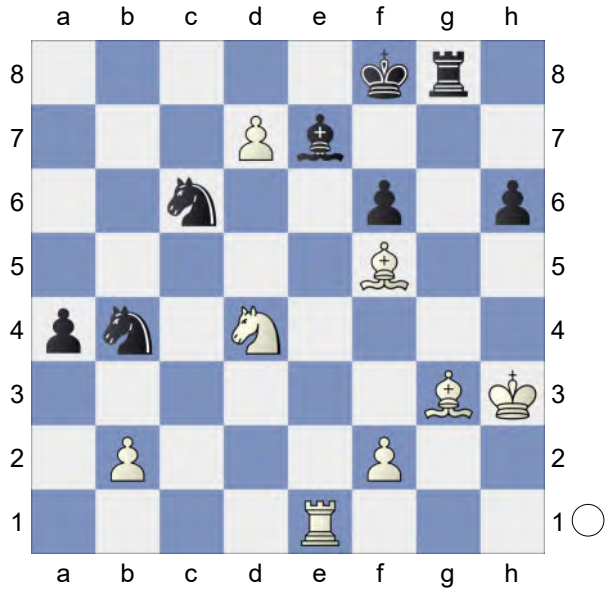


33.Bf4! Deflection, Back Rank **33...N8c6**
34.Bg3 Threatens to win with d7.
34...a5? 6.92/19
[34...Nd4 3.87/19 35.Qe7 Rg8]
35.d7 h6 36.Qc4 Qf5 37.Bg4 Active counter play! A strong pair of Bishops. **37...Qg5 38.Qe6 Qf6 39.Qxf6 gxf6 40.Bf5 Kg7 41.Re1 Be7 42.Nb5 Rg8 43.Kh3 a4**

(Diagram)



44.Nd4! Deflection **44...Kf8**
[44...Bd8 45.Ne6+]



45.Bd6! Bxd6 46.Re8+
[46.Re6 Nd8 47.Rxd6 Ke7+-]
46...Kg7 47.Be6 Rh8 48.Nf5+ Kh7 49.Nxd6 f5 50.Bxf5+ Kg7 51.Be4 Rf8 52.Nf5+ Kf7 53.Kh4 Nd8 54.f4 h5 55.Kxh5 Ne6 56.Nh6+ Kf6 57.Ng4+ Deflection **57...Kg7 58.Rxe6 Rd8 59.Ne5 Kf8 60.Kh6** Threatening mate with Bg6. **60...Rxd7 61.Nxd7+** White mates. **61...Kf7 62.Re5 a3 63.Bg6+ Kg8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=1.11
64.Re8#
1-0

19 **E04**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3130**
■ **BitByByte** **2928**
Blitz 25.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c6 6.Ne5 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Qxd4 1.62/22
[7...Be7± 0.32/17]
8.Bxb4+- Qxe5 9.Na3! White is clearly better. **9...b5** Strongly threatening ... Nd5!. **10.Bd6** A strong pair of Bishops. **10...Qxb2 11.0-0 Nd5 12.e4** White has strong compensation. **12...Nc3 13.Qh5 h6** 1.59/17
[13...Nxa2? 14.Rxa2 *(14.Qg5 Qf6+-)* 14...Qf6 *(14...Qxa2 15.Qg5 f6 16.Qxg7)* 15.Nxb5 cxb5 16.e5+- *(16.Qxb5+ Bd7+-)*]
[⌓13...Nd7 0.84/19 14.e5 Bb7 15.Qg5 f6 16.exf6 0-0-0 17.fxg7 Rhg8 18.Qe3 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Qd4 20.Qxe6 Rde8 21.Qh6 Qxg7 22.Qh3 Qg4 23.f3 Qxh3 24.Bxh3 Nc3 25.Rac1 Nd5 26.Rfe1 Kd8 27.Bf5 h6 28.Nc2 c5 ½-½ (56) Peter,W (2639)-10.0-0 cd4 11. ♘e4 (2575) CSR-ch25 sf corr 1990]
14.e5!± Bd7 1.92/19
[14...Nxa2? 15.Qg4 Rh7 16.Rfb1+-]
[14...a6± 1.30/16]
15.Rae1→ 1.11/18 Black is in trouble.
[15.Qg4+- 1.92/19 Na6 16.Rae1

(16.Qxg7 0-0-0∓)]

15...Na6 16.Qg4N

[16.Qf3 Nd5 17.Qg4 Nab4 18.Qxg7 0-0-0 19.Nxc4 Qxa2 20.Ne3 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 Nc2 22.Rd3 b4 23.Qxf7 Qc4 24.Rfd1 b3 25.Qf3 Nb4 26.Rd4 1-0 7.Bd2 f5 8.d5-4.Ba4 Nf6 5. d4 37: USSR Championship 1986]

16...0-0-0? 4.16/18

[16...Rg8± 1.26/17]

17.Nxc4+- h5 5.29/21

[17...bxc4 3.66/22 might work better. 18.Qxc4 Nc7]

18.Qf4

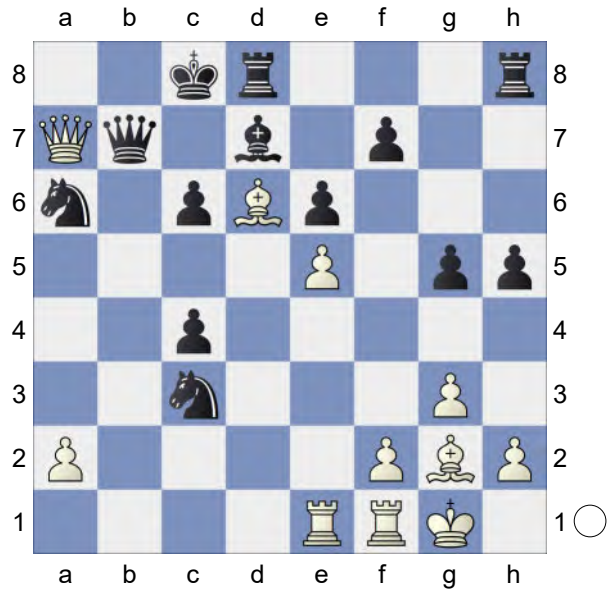
[18.Nxb2 hxg4 19.Re3 Nd5= *(19...Nxa2? 20.Ra1+-)*]

18...g5 19.Qe3

[19.Nxb2 gxf4 20.Nd3 fxg3 21.fxg3 Be8∓]

[19.Qxf7? bxc4 20.Be7 Nb4-+]

19...bxc4 20.Qxa7 Qb7



21.Qd4 Nb5 22.Qxc4 Qa7? 5.39/19

[22...Nxd6 2.34/17 23.exd6 Qb5]

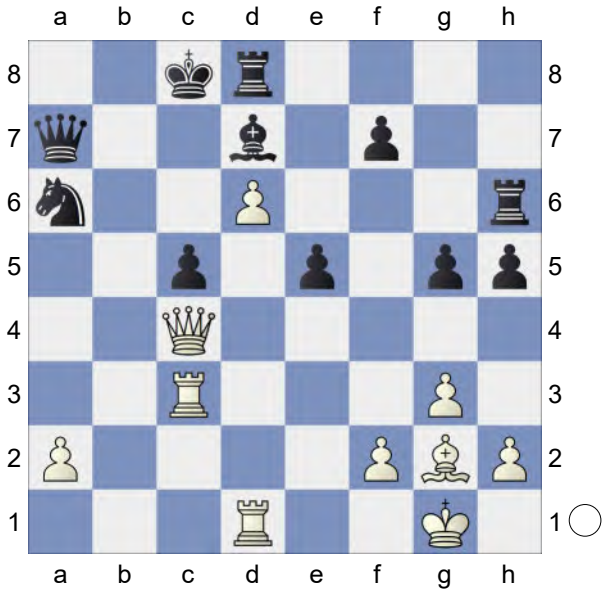
23.Rc1

[23.Bxc6 Bxc6 *(23...Nxd6? 24.exd6 Bxc6 25.Qxc6+ Nc7 26.dxc7+-)* 24.Qxc6+ Nbc7±]

23...Nxd6 24.exd6 c5 25.Rfd1 Rh6 8.71/19

[⌓25...h4 4.11/18 26.Rb1 h3 *(26...hxg3? 27.hxg3 e5 28.Qxf7+-)*]

26.Rc3 e5



27.Ra3!

[Inferior is 27.Qxf7 Qb6=]

27...Be6 28.Qb5 Bc4 29.Qxc4 Rdxd6 30.Rxd6 Rxd6 31.Bf1 Qb7 32.Rxa6 Qxa6 33.Qxa6+ Rxa6 34.Bxa6+ Endgame KB-KP **34...Kc7 35.h4 gxh4 36.gxh4 Kc6 37.Bc4 f5 38.f4 Kd6 39.Kf2** a3 is the strong threat. **39...e4 40.a4 Kc6 41.Ke3 Kd7 42.Be2 Kc6 43.Bxh5** KB-K3P **43...Kd5 44.Bd1 Kd6 45.h5 c4 46.h6 Kc6 47.a5** 18.87/19

[⌓47.h7 #9/21 Kd7 48.h8Q *(48.h8R Kc7+-)* 48...Ke7 49.a5 c3 50.Qg7+ *(50.Qxc3 Kf7 51.Qc7+ Kg6 52.Qe7 Kh6)* 50...Ke6 51.Bc2 *(51.Qxc3 Kf7 52.Qc7+ Kg6 53.Qe7 Kh6)* 51...Kd5 52.Qf6 *(52.Qxc3 Kd6 53.Qg7 Kc6 54.Ba4+ Kd5 55.Qe5+ Kc4 56.Qd4#)* 52...Kc4 53.Qb6 Kd5 54.Bb3#]

47...c3 48.h7 c2 49.Bxc2

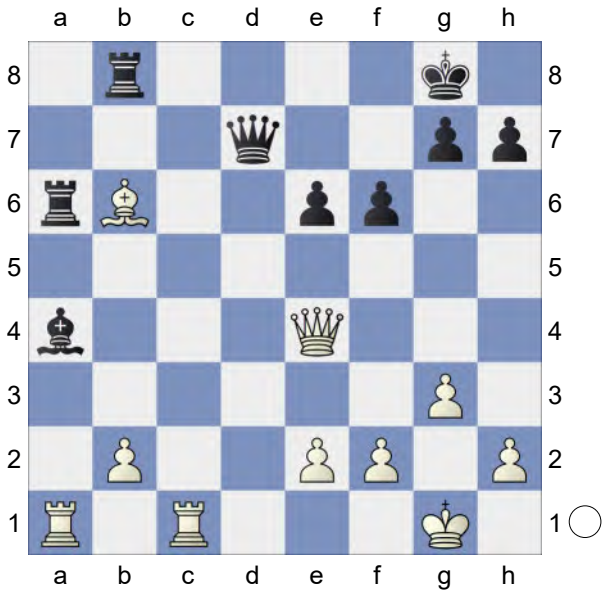
[49.h8R? loses. cxd1Q *(49...cxd1R 50.Rh5=; 49...c1Q+? 50.Kf2-+)* 50.Re8 Qd3+ 51.Kf2 Kd7-+]

49...Kb5 50.h8Q Kc6 51.Qd8 Intending Bb3 and mate. **51...Kb7 52.Ba4** White mates. **52...Ka7 53.Qb6+ Ka8** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.93
54.Bc6#
1-0

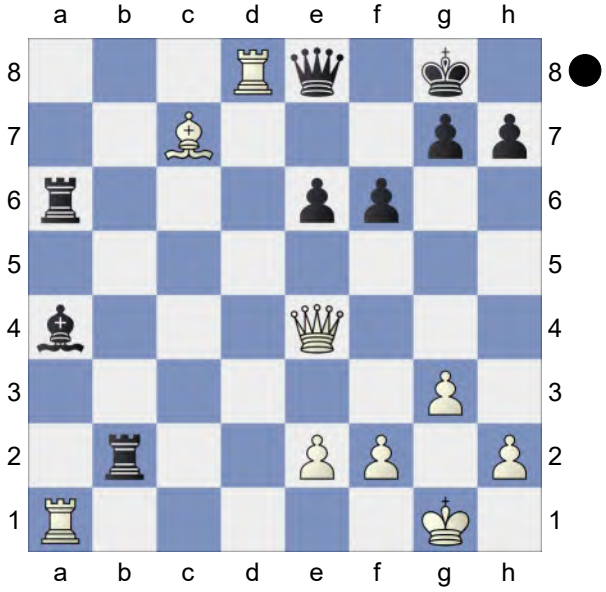
20 **E08**
□ **tomlesspit** **3129**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3137**
Rapid 14.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.Bf4 Nbd7 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Bc7 Qe8 13.Qb3 Rc8 14.Na3 Ne4! 15.Nb5 Ndc5! 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Bf4 c4 18.Qa4 Bc5! 19.Be3N
[19.b3 Bc6 20.bxc4 dxc4 21.Qxc4 Bxf2+ 22.Kf1 e5 23.Nxe5 Nd2+ 24.Bxd2 Bxg2+ 25.Kxf2 Rxc4 26.Nxc4 Qxb5 27.Kxg2 Rc8 Catalan 4...Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7-9.Bf4 sidelines]
19...Bc6! 20.Nfd4 Bxd4 Remove Defender. The position is equal.
21.Bxd4 Black must now prevent Qa3!.
21...Bxb5 22.Qxa7 Ra8 23.Qc7 f6 24.Bxe4 dxe4 Black is weak on the dark squares **25.Qb7 Bc6 26.Qb4 Bb5 27.a4** Deflection **27...Bxa4 28.Qxc4 Qd7 29.Bc5 Rfd8 30.Bb6 Rdb8 31.Qxe4 Ra6**

(Diagram)



32.Rd1! Qe8 33.Bc7 Rxb2 34.Rd8



Qxd8 35.Bxd8 Bc2 36.Qd4
[36.Rxa6 simplifies Bxe4 37.f3 Bd5 38.e4]
36...Rxa1+ 37.Kg2 Raa2 White must now prevent ...Ba4. **38.Qd7 Bg6** Repels Qe8+
[38...Be4+?! 39.Kh3 Bf5+ 40.g4 Rb3+ 41.e3±]
39.Qc8 Kf7⇄ Black puts up resistance
[39...Rxe2 40.Be7+ Kf7 41.Qf8#]
[39...Be4+?! 40.Kh3 Kf7 41.Qd7+ Kg6 42.Qe8+ *(42.Qxe6? Bf5+-+)*

42...Kh6 43.g4+- *(43.Qxe6 Rxe2 44.Qg4 Rac2=)*]

40.Qd7+ Kg8 41.Qc8 Kf7 Dodges Be7
[Not 41...Rxe2 42.Be7+ Kf7 43.Qf8#]
[Reject 41...Be4+?! 42.Kh3 Kf7 43.Qd7+ Kg6 44.Qe8+ *(44.Qxe6? too greedy. Bf5+-+)* 44...Kh6 45.g4+- *(45.Qxe6 Rxe2 46.Qg4 Bh1=)*]

42.Qc7+ Kg8 An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

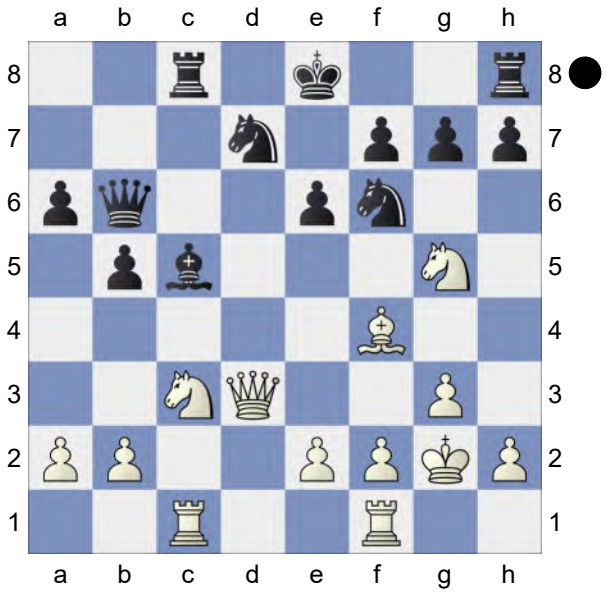
43.Qc8!

½-½

21 **E02**
□ **ArasanX** **3122**
■ **imnotsohuman** **2999**
Rapid 24.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

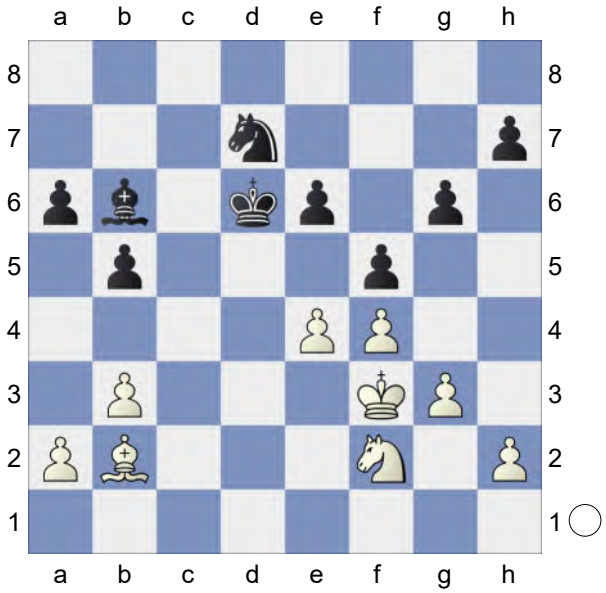
Blitz 10min+5sec E02: Open Catalan: 5 Qa4+
RR: 'Inf 71/(512)' RR: 'Inf 71/(512)' Ribli: 'Ribli,Zoltan: 'RR: 'Inf 71/(512)''' RR: 'Inf 71/(512)' Ribli: 'GM Mihail Marin: 'The third possible minor pieces duel in this type of ending is bishop versus bishop. This usually is less interesting and Black would need making some sort of early concession in order to make White's chances realistic.'' GM Mihail Marin: 'The third possible minor pieces duel in this type of ending is bishop versus bishop. This usually is less interesting and Black would need making some sort of early concession in order to make White's chances realistic.' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Bg2 a6 7.Nc3 Rb8 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qd3 Bb7 10.0-0 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bf4 Rc8**
The position is equal. **13.Ng5**
[13.Rad1 b4 14.Na4 Be7 15.Ne5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qa5 17.Nxd7 Qxa4 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.b3 Qc6+ 20.Qf3 Qxf3+ 21.Kxf3 Rc3+ 22.Kg2 a5 23.Rd6 g5 24.Be3 a4 25.bxa4 0-0 26.a5 Ra8 27.a6 Ra3 1-0 (32) Andersson,U (2640)-Milov,V (2635) FIDE-Wch k.o. 1997 (2.1)]

13...Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qb6 15.Rac1N
[15.a4 b4 16.Nce4 h6 17.Nf3 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 0-0 19.a5 Qb5 20.Rfd1 Nf6 21.Qd3 Qb7 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Nd5 24.Qb3 Ne7 25.Rd6 Nc6 26.Qc4 Nxa5 27.Qxa6 Qxa6 28.Rxa6 Nc4 29.R6a4 Nxb2 0-1 Ballschuh,S (2170)-Wallwork,G (2190) WT/M/537 corr ICCF 1991]
[15.Rad1 h6 16.Nf3 0-0 E 02/06 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]



15...0-0 16.Nge4 Active counter play!
16...Rfd8 17.Rfd1 Be7
[17...Ne5 is interesting. 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Qb1 Ng6]
18.Qe3 Qxe3 19.Bxe3 Kf8 20.f4 Rc6

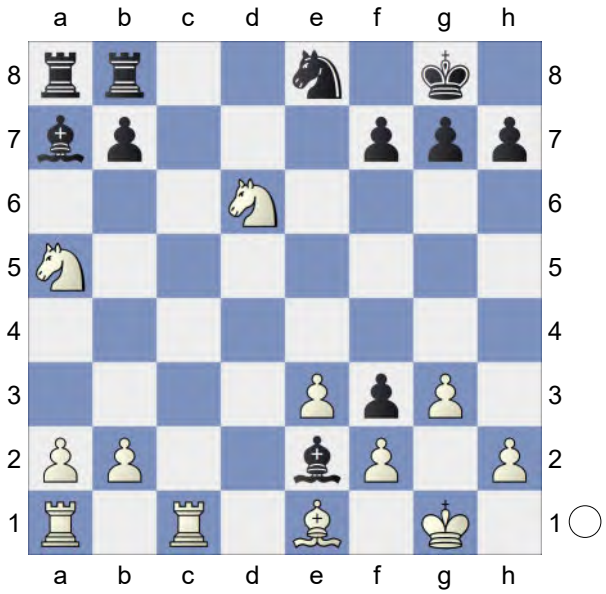
21.Nxf6 Nxf6 22.Rxd8+ Bxd8 23.Kf3 Nd7 24.Ne4 Rxc1 25.Bxc1= Endgame KBN-KBN **25...f5 26.Nf2 Ke7 27.b3 Kd6 28.e4 g6 29.Bb2 Bb6**



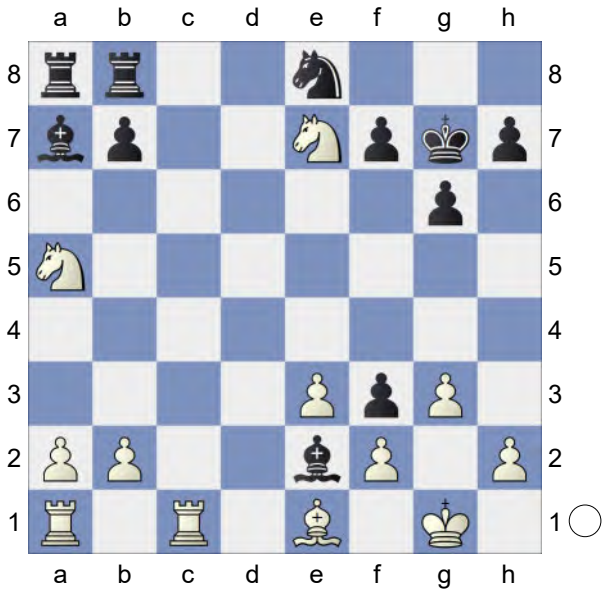
30.Nd3 Nc5 31.Be5+ Kc6 32.Nb4+ Kd7 and ...Ba5 should not be overlooked **33.Bd4** Threatens to win with exf5. **33...a5 34.Bxc5 Bxc5** KB-KN **35.Nd3 Kd6 36.g4 Bg1 37.h3 Bb6 38.Ne5 Bg1 39.Nf7+ Ke7 40.Ne5 Kd6 41.Nf7+ Ke7 42.Ne5** An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
42...Kd6 Wards off Nc6
½-½

23 **E00**
☐ **R4033** **3119**
■ **expositor** **2813**
Rapid 17.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Qc2 c5 7.Bg2
[7.Bxb4 axb4 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nbd2 Qxc5 10.Qd3 Nc6 11.cxd5 Rxa2 12.Rb1 exd5 13.Nb3 Qe7 14.Bg2 0-0 15.0-0 Re8 16.Nfd4 Ne5 17.Qb5 Nc4 18.Rfc1 b6 19.Nc6 Qd6 20.Nbd4 Nd2 21.Qxb4 Qxb4 0-1 (32) Deng,K (2573)-Van Foreest,J (2709) Italian tournament final 1904 (6)]
7...Nc6N
[7...cxd4 8.cxd5 *(8.Nxd4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.e3 Qb6 11.cxd5 Nxd4 12.exd4 exd5 13.Be3 Be6* E 01/07 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008 *)* 8...0-0 9.Nxd4 Qb6 10.e3 exd5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bc3 Ne4 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Nxc3 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Be6 17.Rfd1 ½-½ Krivoshey,S (2500)-Delchev,A (2656) VI Open Tarragona ESP 2005 (7)]
[7...0-0 8.cxd5 Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd5 11.0-0 e5 12.N4f3 f6 13.Rfd1 Be6 14.Nb3 Na6 15.Nh4 a4 16.Nc5 Nxc5 17.Qxc5 Ra5 18.Qa3 Qb6 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.Bxd5+ Be6 21.Bxe6+ Qxe6 22.Qb4 ½-½ (43) Mareco,S (2657)-Raahul,V (2323) Dubai op 22nd 2022 (7)]
8.cxd5 Qxd5 9.dxc5 White is slightly better. **9...0-0 10.0-0 Qxc5 11.Qxc5 Bxc5 12.Rc1 Bb6 13.Be1 e5 14.Nfd2 Be6** Prevents Nc4. **15.Na3 Ba7** 0.81/20
[15...a4± 0.40/18]
16.Ndc4± Discovered Attack **16...Nd4 17.Kf1 e4! 18.Nxa5 Rfb8** 0.98/18
[18...h5± 0.59/18 deserves consideration.]
19.N3c4 Bg4 1.22/21
[⌓19...Nf5 0.74/18]
20.e3 Be2+ 21.Kg1 Nf3+ 22.Bxf3 exf3 23.Nd6 Repels Ne4 **23...Ne8** 1.23/18
[⌓23...Bb6 0.78/18 24.Naxb7 Ba6]



24.Nf5! White is more active. **24...g6** 1.44/21
[Better is 24...f6 1.05/18]
25.Ne7+ Excellent horsemanship.
25...Kg7 1.62/19
[25...Kf8± 1.15/19 26.Bb4 Kg7]

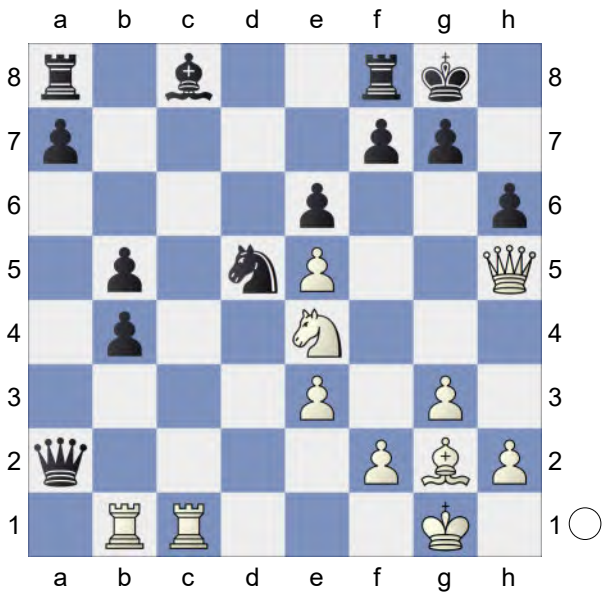


26.Nd5!+- g5 1.88/19
[26...Rd8± 1.24/19]
27.a4 1.22/19
[27.b4+- 1.88/19]
27...h5 1.77/19
[27...Rd8± 1.22/19]
28.b4 Bd3 1.97/20
[28...Kg6± 1.42/19 was called for. 29.b5 Rd8 30.Ne7+ Kh7 *(30...Kf6 31.Nxb7 Rd7 32.Rc6+ Ke5 33.Bc3+ Ke4 34.Na5±)*]
29.Rd1 Be4 2.78/18
[⌓29...Bc2 1.74/18]
30.b5 Kg6 31.Nc4 Bxd5 32.Rxd5 f6 33.Rd7 g4? 5.68/22
[33...Rc8 2.51/19 is more resistant.]
34.b6 Trapped Piece **34...Rc8 35.Rxb7 Bb8 36.Re7 Rxc4 37.Rxe8 Be5 38.Rxe5**
[Not 38.Rxa8 Bxa1 39.Rg8+ Kh7=]
38...fxe5 Endgame KRR-KRB **39.a5 Rb8 40.a6 Rxb6 41.a7 Rc8 42.a8Q Rxa8 43.Rxa8** KRB-KR **43...Rb1 44.Kf1 Rd1 45.Ra4 Kf6 46.e4 Rd6 47.Rb4 Ke6 48.Rb8 Kf7 49.Rh8 Kg6 50.Re8 Kf6 51.Rf8+ Kg6 52.Rf5 Rd1 53.Rxe5 Rb1 54.Rd5 Ra1 55.Rb5 Ra6 56.Ba5 Ra7 57.Ke1 Re7 58.e5 Kf5 59.Kd2 Re6 60.Bc3 Ra6 61.Kd3 Rc6 62.Rb8 Ke6 63.Bd4** Hoping for Ke4. **63...Kf7 64.Ke4 Ra6 65.Kf5** Threatening mate with Rb7+. **65...Ra5 66.Rb7+ Kg8 67.Kg6 Ra6+ 68.Bb6 Kf8 69.Kf6 Ra8 70.Bd4 Ke8 71.e6 h4 72.Rg7 Kd8 73.Bb6+** White mates. **73...Kc8 74.Rc7+ Kd8 75.Kf7 Ra7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.37
76.e7#
1-0

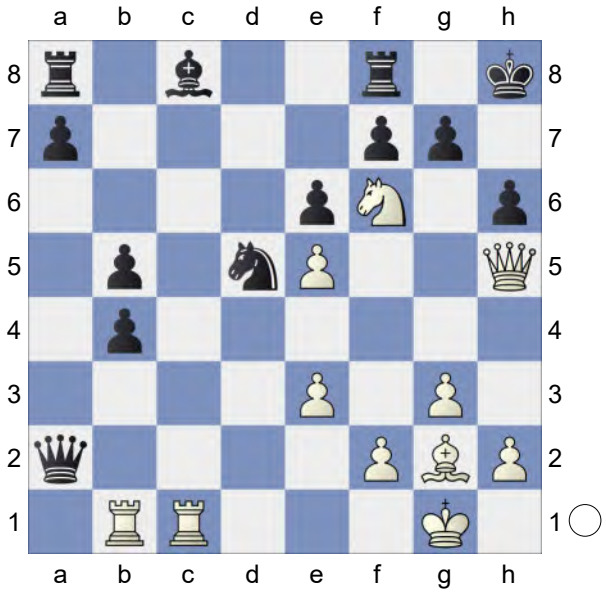
22 **E04**
□ **R4033** **3119**
■ **expositor** **2814**
Rapid 17.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 c5 7.Bxb4 cxb4 8.Ne5 Wards off Nc6 **8...Nd5**
White has an edge.
[8...0-0 9.Nxc4 Nc6 10.e3 e5 11.dxe5 *(11.d5 b5 12.0-0 bxc4 13.dxc6 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Be6 15.Nd2 Rad8 16.Nf3 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 e4 18.Nd4 Rc8 19.Rc1 Bd5 20.Bh3 Rc7 21.Bf1 c3 22.bxc3 b3 23.axb3 Bxc6 24.Nxc6 Rxc6 25.c4 Kf8* 1-0 (38) Zhao,G (2233)-Murawski,J (2065) London Classic op 14th 2024 (8) *)* 11...Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Ng4 13.f4 Nf2+ 14.Ke2 Nxh1 15.Bxh1 Bg4+ 16.Kf2 Rac8 17.Nbd2 Rc7 18.Nd6 Na5 19.Be4 Rd8 20.Nb3 Nxb3 21.axb3 b6 22.Ke1 a5 23.Nb5 ½-½ (84) Sargissian,G (2678)-Moiseenko,A (2676) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2009 (6)]
9.Nxc4 Nc6 10.0-0 0-0N 11.e3 h6 0.85/19
[11...b6± 0.31/19]
12.Nbd2± b5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.Qh5 Qc2 1.64/19
[15...Bb7± 0.60/18]
16.Ne4!+- and Rab1 would now be decisive A mistake that costs the game.
16...Qxb2 2.48/18
[16...Bb7± 1.19/16]
17.Rfb1! Qc2 18.Rc1 Qb2 19.Rab1! Qxa2 4.20/19
[19...Qa3 2.12/20 might work better.]

(Diagram)



20.Nf6+! Deflection **20...Kh8**



21.Ng4! Qe2 22.Be4 Nc3 5.19/20
[⌓22...b3 3.64/18 23.Qh4 f5 *(23...b2? 24.Rc2+-* Trapped Piece, Double Attack*)* 24.exf6 Nxf6 25.Nxf6 *(25.Bxa8 Nxg4 26.Rf1 b2∓)* 25...Rb8]
23.Rc2
[23.Bxa8 Nxb1 24.Rxb1 a5+-]
23...Bb7 24.Rxe2 Bxe4

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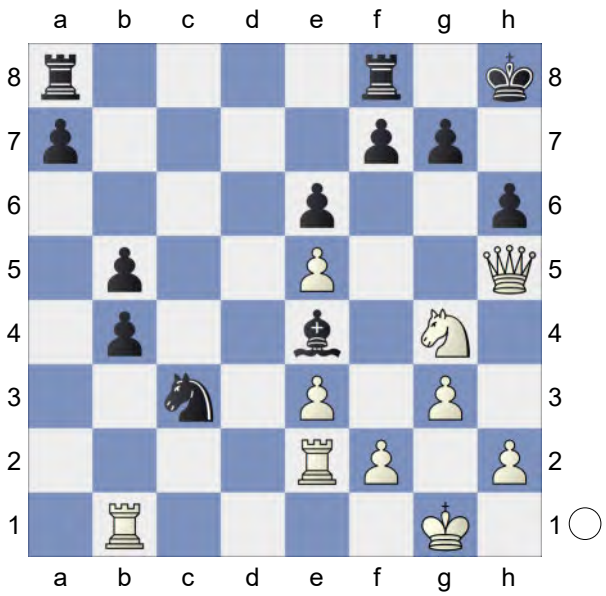


25.Nxh6!
[25.Rxb4 Nxe2+ 26.Kf1 Bf3∓]
25...gxh6 5.19/22
[And not 25...Nxb1 26.Nf5+ Kg8 27.Ne7#]
[⌓25...Nxe2+ 3.44/22 26.Kf1 gxh6 *(26...Bxb1 27.Nf5+ Kg8 28.Ne7#)* 27.Qxh6+ *(27.Rxb4 Nc3+-)* 27...Kg8 28.Qg5+ *(28.Rxb4 Nc3±)* 28...Kh8]
26.Rxb4 Nxe2+ 27.Qxe2 Bg6 28.Qxb5 a5 29.Rd4 Kg7 30.h3 Rfb8 31.Qa4 Rc8 32.Rh4 Rcb8 33.Kg2 Kh7 34.Rc4 Rb7 35.g4 Bd3 36.Rc5 Rba7 37.Kg3 Bb1 38.Kh4 Kg8 39.f4 Kg7 40.e4 Bd3 41.f5 h5 42.Kxh5 Rh8+ 43.Kg5 Rb8 44.Qd4 a4 45.f6+ Kh7 46.Qf2 Rg8+ 47.Kf4 White threatens Qh4+ and mate. **47...Rg6 48.Rc8 Rh6 49.Qxa7 Rxf6+ 50.exf6 Kg6 51.Rg8+** White mates. **51...Kh6 52.g5+ Kh5 53.Qxf7+ Kh4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=1.02
54.Qh7#
1-0

24 **E06**
□ **Contact60** **3112**
■ **pawn_git** **2748**
Blitz 09.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

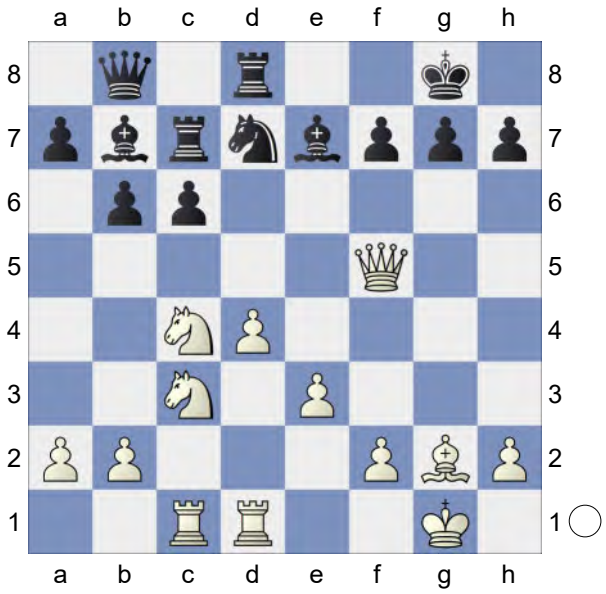
Blitz 3min+1sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Bf4 0.03/17
[7.Qc2± 0.39/16]
7...dxc4= 8.Ne5 Nd5 9.Nxc4 Nxf4 The position is equal. **10.gxf4 Nd7 11.e3**
[11.Nbd2 Nf6 12.e3 Bd7 13.Rc1 Nd5 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Ne4 Be8 17.Bh3 Bf8 18.Kh1 Qe7 19.Rg1 f6 20.Nf3 Bf7 21.Qc2 Kh8 22.Qe2 Rac8 23.a3 a5 24.Ng3 Qe8 25.f5 exf5 0-1 (41) Dubov,D (2683)-Tomashevsky,E (2713) RUS-ch 70th St Petersburg 2017 (5)]
11...Qc7N
[11...Nb6 12.Nbd2 Bd7 *(12...Nd5 13.Rc1 f6 14.Ne4 b6 15.Kh1 Bb7 16.Rg1 Rc8 17.Qh5 Rc7 18.f5 exf5 19.Bh3 Bc8 20.Ng3 Qe8 21.Qf3 g6 22.Nxf5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5 Kh8 24.Rxg6 hxg6 25.Rg1 Rg8 26.Qh3+* 1-0 (27) Murzin,V (2657)-Sjugirov,S (2643) Tashkent AI Beruniy-A 2nd 2025 (1) *)* 13.Rc1 Be8 14.Kh1 Kh8 15.Rg1 Rg8 16.Ne4 Nxc4 17.Rxc4 Rc8 18.Rc1 b6 19.Bf3 f6 20.Qb3 Qd7 21.Rgd1 Bf7 22.Qa4 Rc7 23.Rc3 Rgc8 24.Ng3 g6 25.Rdc1 Be8 26.Qb3 ½-½ (30) Murzin,V (2588)-Giri,A (2678) Wch Rapid New York 2024 (8)]
[11...f6 12.Nc3 Nb6 13.b3 Nd5 14.Qc2 Qe8 15.Ne4 Qh5 16.Qd1 Qh6 17.Kh1 b6 18.Rg1 Bb7 19.Rc1 Rad8 20.Qf3 g6 21.Qg3 Ba8 22.a4 Rd7 23.a5 c5 24.dxc5 bxc5 25.h3

Nb4 26.Kh2 1-0 (65) Samadov,R (2482)-Huston,G (2341) Biel HTO 56th 2023 (5)]

12.Nc3 b6 13.Rc1 Bb7 14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Ba6 16.Bf1 Qb8 17.Qf3 Bb7 18.Bg2 Rfd8 0.43/16

[18...Nf6= 0.07/17]

19.f5± exf5 20.Qxf5 Rc7



21.h4! Nf6

[21...g6 22.Qf4]

22.Ne5 g6! 23.Qf3 Rf8! 24.Ne2 Kg7 0.70/16

[24...Rd8= 0.30/17]

25.Nf4 0.16/19 White has more active pieces.

[25.Nxc6 Bxc6 26.Rxc6 Rxc6 27.Qxc6 Ng4]

[25.Ng3± 0.70/16]

25...Bd6 0.55/19

[25...c5= 0.16/19 26.d5 Bd6]

26.Nc4! A dynamic duo of knights.

[26.Nxc6 Rxc6 27.Rxc6 Bxc6 28.Qxc6 Bxf4 29.exf4 Qxf4∓]

26...c5 27.d5! Re7 28.Nxd6! Qxd6 29.Qg3 Rd8 30.Re1! h6

[30...Bxd5? 31.Rcd1+-]

[30...Nxd5? 31.Bxd5 Bxd5 32.Rcd1+-]

31.e4 Kh7 32.f3 Rde8 ...Nxd5! would now be deadly. **33.Red1 Ba6 34.Qh2** White leaves nothing to chance now.

34...c4 0.99/16

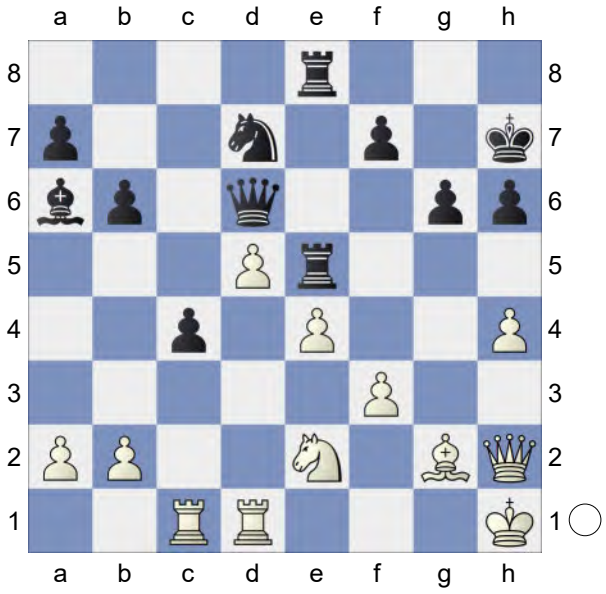
[34...Re5± 0.47/17]

35.Kh1!± Nd7 1.36/16

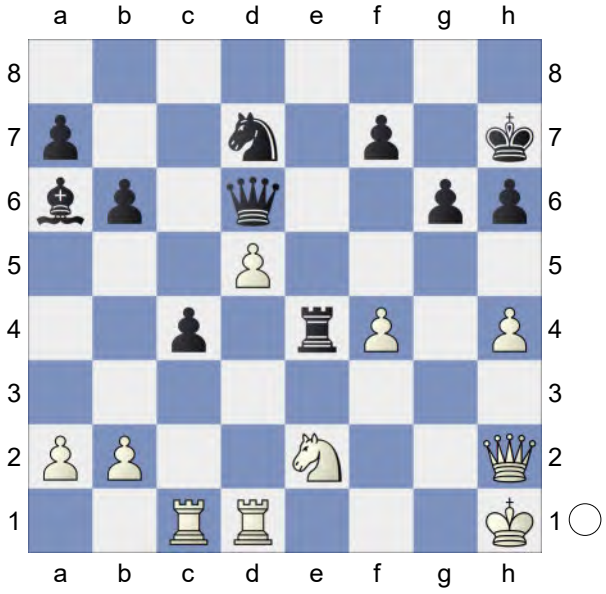
[35...b5!± 0.64/16]

36.Ne2! Re5 2.45/18

[36...Ne5± 0.96/16]



37.f4!+- Rxe4 38.Bxe4 Rxe4



39.Nc3! Re8

[39...Rxf4? 40.Rd4 Rf6 41.Qxd6

Rxd6 42.Ne4+-]
40.Re1 Rxe1+ 41.Rxe1 Qf6 4.10/19
[41...Bb7 2.43/21 was worth a try.]
42.h5 gxh5 5.22/22
[⌓42...Bb7 3.27/18 43.Qh3 Nc5]
43.Qg3
[43.Qxh5 Nc5 44.Re2 Qxf4=]
43...Qf5 44.Rg1 Qg4 45.Qh2
[Weaker is 45.Qxg4 hxg4 46.Rxg4 Nf6+-]
45...Qf3+ 46.Qg2 Qxg2+ 47.Kxg2 Endgame KRN-KBN **47...Bb7 48.Re1 Nf6 49.Re7 Bxd5+ 50.Nxd5** Remove Defender **50...Nxd5 51.Rxf7+** KR-KN **51...Kg6 52.Rxa7 h4 53.Kf3 h3 54.Rd7**
[54.Kg3 Kf5±]
54...h2 55.Rd6+
[55.Rxd5 h1Q+ *(55...h1R 56.Rb5±)* 56.Ke3 Qxd5 57.Kf2 Kf5 58.Kg3 Qd3+ 59.Kg2 Kxf4 60.Kh2 Qc2+ 61.Kh3 Qf2 62.b4 Qg3#]
55...Kg7 56.Kg2
[56.Rxd5? is the wrong capture. h1Q+ *(56...h1R 57.Rb5=)* 57.Ke3 Qxd5-+]
56...Nxf4+ 57.Kxh2 c3 58.bxc3 Ne2 59.Rxb6 Nxc3 60.a3 Na4 61.Rb4 Nc5 62.a4 Threatens to win with a5. **62...Kf6 63.a5 Ke5 64.Rh4 Kd6 65.a6** White wants to mate with a7. **65...Nxa6 66.Rxh6+ Ke5 67.Rxa6** KR-K **67...Ke4 68.Kg3 Ke5 69.Ra3 Kd6 70.Ra5 Kc6 71.Kf3 Kb6 72.Rd5 Kc6 73.Ke4 Kc7 74.Kd4** White mates. **74...Kc6 75.Kc4 Kb6 76.Rc5 Ka6 77.Rc6+ Ka7 78.Kb5 Kb7 79.Rc1 Ka7 80.Kc6 Kb8 81.Kb6 Ka8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.38
82.Rc8#
1-0

25 **E00**
□ **R4033** **3111**
■ **expositor** **2816**
Rapid 17.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
Khalifman,A: 'Inf 52/501' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 Be7 8.0-0 c6 9.Bf4 Nbd7 10.Rd1 a4 11.Nbd2**
[11.Ne5 Qa5 12.Nxd7 *(12.Nc3 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.e4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 g6 17.Bh6 Nxe5 18.Nd5 Re8 19.Nxe7+ Rxe7 20.Qxa4 Re8 21.Qxa5 Rxa5 22.Re1 Be6 23.a3* ½-½ Pubantz,J (2339)-Bargsten,J (2238) Lower Saxony-ch 2025 (4) *)* 12...Bxd7 13.c5 b6 14.Bc7 Bd8 15.Bd6 Re8 16.Nd2 bxc5 17.Bxc5 e5 18.e4 Bc7 19.Rac1 Rac8 20.b4 axb3 21.axb3 exd4 22.Bxd4 Be5 23.Bc5 Be6 24.b4 Qb5 25.Nf3 Bg4 ½-½ (65) Can,E (2570)-So,W (2769) FIDE World Cup 2023 (2.2)]
11...Nh5 12.Be3 White has an edge.
12...f5N
[12...Qa5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 Bd6 15.Ne1 f5 16.Ndf3 Qa6 17.Rac1 Qxc4 18.Qxc4 dxc4 19.Rxc4 Nb6 20.Rcc1 a3 21.b3 Nd5 22.Bd2 Nb4 23.Bxb4 Bxb4 24.Nd3 Be7 25.Nfe5 Rd8 26.e3 Nf6 27.Rc4 1-0 (63) Molaei,M (2640)-Strick,E (2570) Czechoslovakia ch-6 final 5456 1954 Nd7 28.b4 Nxe5 29.Nxe5 Bf6 30.f4 Bxe5 31.fxe5 Ra4 32.Rb1 Bd7 33.Kf2 Kf7 34.Ke2 Ke7 35.Kd2 g5 36.Rc5 h5 37.Ra5 Ra8 38.Rxa4 Rxa4 39.h4 gxh4 40.gxh4 Ra8 41.Bf3 Rg8 42.Ke2 1-0 (63)

Khalifman,A (2640)-Sokolov,I (2570) Bled/Rogaska Slatina 52/501 1991]

13.Nf1 b5 14.cxb5 cxb5 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Bf3! Nhf6 17.Bf4 Black should prevent Nc6. **17...Nb6 18.Rac1 Bb7 19.Nd3 Bxf4** 0.71/20

[19...Ne4= 0.21/17 remains equal.]

20.Nxf4± Rc8 21.Qd2 White is more active. **21...Qd6** and ...Nc4 should not be overlooked **22.Qe1** White stays focused until the end. **22...Nc4** 1.06/17

[22...Ne4± 0.38/16]

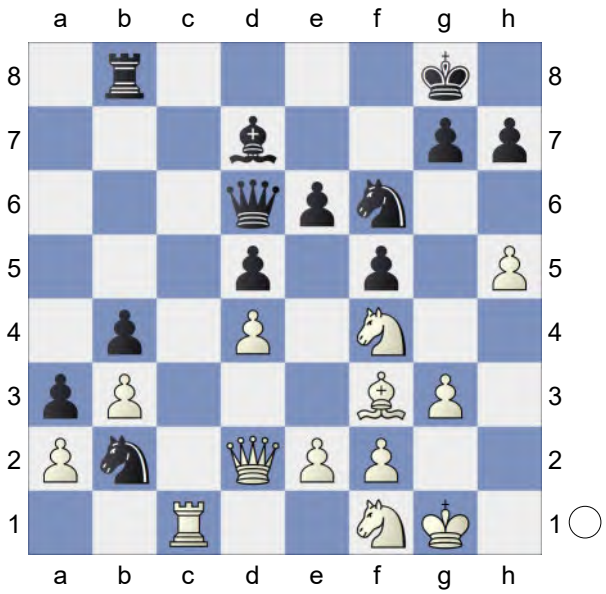
23.b3 Nb2 2.39/17

[23...axb3± 0.84/17 24.axb3 Nb6]

24.Rxc8+- Bxc8 2.53/15

[⌓24...Rxc8 1.81/16 25.Rc1 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 a3]

25.Rc1 Bd7 26.Qd2 a3 27.h4 Rb8 28.h5 b4



29.h6! gxh6

[29...g6 30.Nh3]

30.Ne3 Be8 31.Rc5 Kh8 32.Qc1 Bd7 Against Rc8+ **33.Neg2 Rb6 34.Ne1 Rb8** 4.03/18

[⌓34...Rb7 2.61/16 35.Rc8+ Kg7]

35.Ned3 Nxd3 36.Nxd3 Bb5 5.10/19

[⌓36...Kg7 3.61/18 37.Rc7 Rd8]

37.Ne5

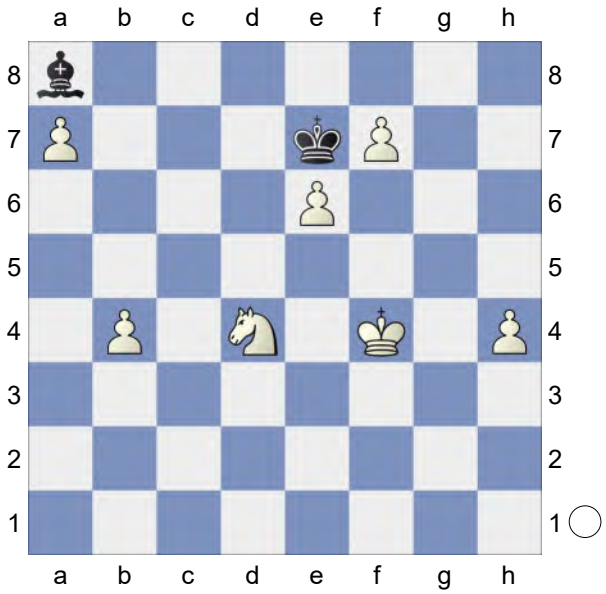
[Less strong is 37.Qxh6 Ng8 38.Qf4 Qxf4 39.Nxf4 Bd7±]

37...Qf8 38.Rc7 Inhibits Nd7. **38...Be8** Wards off Nf7+ **39.Ra7 Rd8 40.Rb7 Bg6 41.Qf4 Kg8 42.Nc6 Re8 43.Nxb4**

[43.Rxb4 Rc8+-]

43...Ne4 44.Bxe4 fxe4 45.Qe5 Inhibits Qxf4. **45...e3 46.Qxe3 Qd6 47.Qxh6 Re7** Dodges Qg7+ **48.Rb5 Re8 49.Qe3 Be4 50.Qg5+ Kf7 51.Rb7+ Re7 52.Qxe7+ Qxe7 53.Rxe7+ Kxe7** Endgame KB-KN. White is two pawns up. **54.Kf1 Kd6 55.Ke1 e5 56.dxe5+ Kxe5 57.Kd2 d4 58.Nc2 h5 59.Nxa3 Kd5 60.Nc2 Bg6 61.a4 Be8 62.a5 Bd7 63.a6** and a7 should not be overlooked **63...Kc5 64.a7 Bc6 65.b4+ Kb6 66.Nxd4 Bg2 67.f4 Kc7 68.f5 Bd5 69.f6 Kd7 70.Ke3 Ba8 71.Kf4 h4 72.gxh4 Kd6 73.e4 Kd7 74.e5 Ke8 75.e6 Kd8 76.f7 Ke7?** #5/12

[76...Bh1= 0.00/5 77.f8Q+ Kc7 78.Qb8#]



77.Ke5 Intending Nf5+ and mate.

77...Bh1 78.Nf5+ White mates.

78...Kd8 79.f8Q+ Kc7 80.Qb8+ Kc6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.53
81.a8B#
1-0

26	**E04**
☐ **R4033**	**3110**
■ **expositor**	**2821**
Rapid	18.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
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When Kramnik was the champion of Classical Chess and Topalov the FIDE champ, it was possible to organize a reconciliation match. Kramnik gave up the advantage of keeping the title, if the score ended equal. A match of twelve games was played in Elista during the autumn of 2006.
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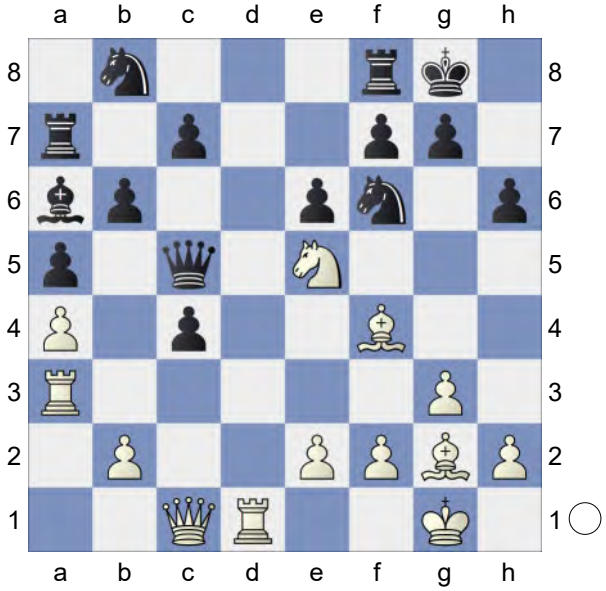
' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc1** White has compensation. **7...b6N**
[7...Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 c6 9.a4 b5 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Qg5 0-0 12.Qxb5 Ba6 13.Qa4 *(13.Qc5 Nbd7 14.Qa3 Bb7 15.Nbd2 Nb6 16.0-0 Ne4 17.Nb1 Nd5 18.Rc1 Nb4 19.Rxc4 Nd6 20.Rc5 Ne4 21.Rc1 e5 22.Qe3 exd4 23.Qxd4 Qb8 24.Nc3 Re8 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Qc5 Ra6 27.Nd4 Bxg2* 1-0 (68) Maghsoodloo,P (2707)-Keymer,V (2717) Bundesliga 2324 2023 (10.4)*)* 13...Qb6 14.0-0 Qxb2 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Nxc4 Bxa4 17.Nxb2 Bb5 18.Ne5 Ra7 19.Nbc4 Nbd7 20.Nxa5 Bxe2 21.Rfe1 Bh5 22.Nac6 (43) Davidson Malmoe (m/2) 35/54 1983 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Nd7 25.f4 Re8 26.Ra7 Nc5 27.Kf2 Kf8 28.Ke3 Bg6 29.g4 Rc8 30.Ne7 Rd8 31.f5 exf5 32.gxf5 Bh5 33.Nc6 Rc8 34.Bd5 h6 35.Kd4 Nb3+ 36.Bxb3 Rxc6 37.Ra8+ (43) Catalan Dc5-10...0-0 11. ♘b3 ♗e7 12.c4 2023 Ke7 38.Ba4 Bf3 39.Ra7+ Kf8 40.Bxc6 Bxc6 41.Kc5 Be4 42.Kd6 g5 43.e6 Catalan Dc5-10...0-0 11.Nb3 Be7 12.c4 2023]
8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 White is slightly better.

9...Ra7 10.Rd1 Ba6 11.a4
[11.Nxc4 c5=]
11...h6 0.88/15
[11...c5= 0.29/17 remains equal.]
12.Na3!± White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[12.Nxc4 c5∓]
[12.Bxh6 gxh6 13.Qxh6 Nh7∓]
12...Bxa3 1.14/18
[12...Be7± 0.66/17]
13.Rxa3 Qxd4 2.09/20
[13...c3± 0.77/16 14.bxc3 *(14.Rxc3 Qxd4 15.Nf3 Qxa4=)* 14...Bb7]
14.Bf4!+- Qc5



15.g4! Bb7 2.55/19
[15...Nh7± 1.56/15 keeps fighting.]

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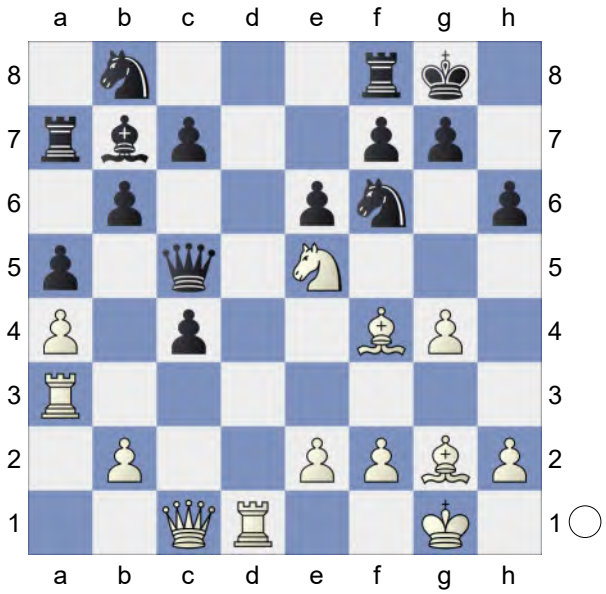

16.Be3! Qxe5 3.46/17
[⌓16...Qe7 2.20/19]
17.f4
[17.Qxc4? Qxb2 18.Rb3 Ba6 19.Rxb2 Bxc4-+]
17...Qd6 18.Rxd6 cxd6 19.g5
[19.Bxb6 Ra6±]
[19.Qxc4 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Nd5±]
19...hxg5 20.Bxb6 A strong pair of Bishops.
[20.fxg5 Nfd7±]
20...Ra6 21.Bd4
[21.Bxb7 Rxb6 22.fxg5 Nfd7=]
21...Bxg2 22.Bxf6
[22.Kxg2 Nd5=]
22...Be4 23.fxg5
[23.Bxg5 d5=]
23...Nd7 4.47/19
[⌓23...Bf5 2.89/17 24.Qxc4 Rc6]
24.Qf4
[24.Qxc4 Nc5±]
24...d5

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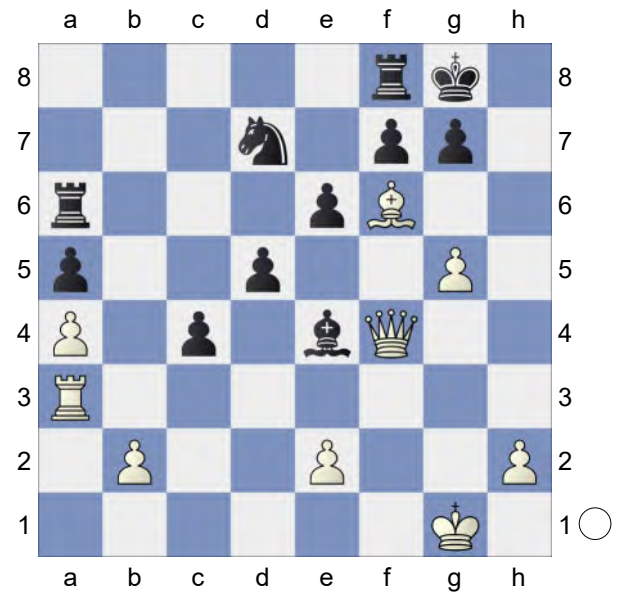
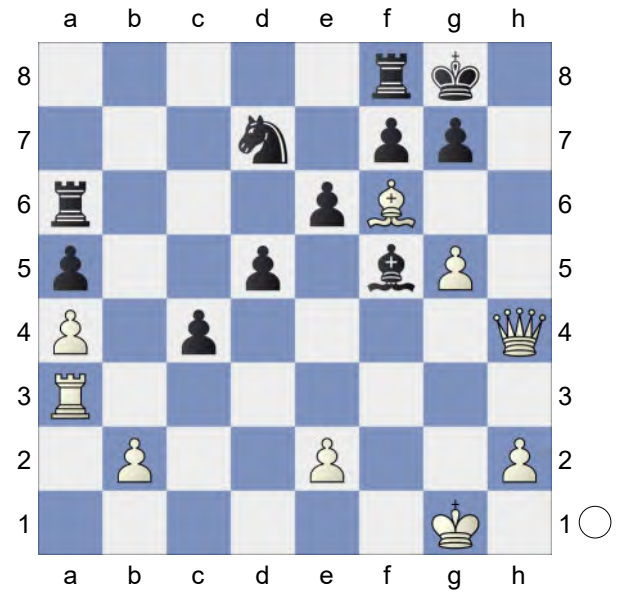


25.Qh4! Bf5
[25...gxf6 26.Rh3 Kg7 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Qh8#]



Prevents Rh3 **26.Rf3! Rfa8**
[26...gxf6 27.gxf6 Nxf6 28.Qg5+ *(28.Qxf6 Rfa8+-)* 28...Bg6 29.Qxf6+- *(29.Rxf6 Rb6+-)*]
[26...Rb6 27.Bc3]
27.Bc3 Re8 28.Qd4 e5 29.Qxd5 Be6 30.Qb5 Raa8 31.Rf1
[31.Bxe5 Nxe5 32.Qxe5 Bg4±]
[Weaker is 31.Bxa5 Reb8 32.Qc6 Rxa5∓]
31...Rec8 32.Qb7 Prevents Ra7.
[32.Bxa5? is the wrong capture. Rc5 33.Qb4 Rcxa5-+ *(33...Raxa5? 34.Rd1-+)*]
32...Re8 33.Qe4 Bh3 6.38/19
[⌓33...Ra6 4.35/17 34.Rd1 *(34.Bxe5 Bh3+-)* 34...Bh3]
34.Rd1 Ra6 35.Qe3 Bf5 36.h4 Bg4 37.Qe4 Be6 38.h5 Rb6 39.Kf2 f5 40.Qe3 aiming for Rxd7!. **40...f4 41.Qe4 Rbb8 42.h6 Re7 43.hxg7 Rf7 44.Bxe5 Nxe5 45.Qxe5 Re8 46.Rh1 Rxg7 47.g6 c3 48.bxc3** White threatens Rh4 and mate. **48...f3 49.exf3 Bf7 50.gxf7+ Kxf7 51.Qh5+ Kf8 52.Qd5 Rge7 53.Qd6 Rd8 54.Qxd8+ Kf7 55.Rh7+ Ke6 56.Rxe7+ Kf5 57.Qf8+** White mates. **57...Kg5 58.Rg7+ Kh5** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.95
59.Qh8#
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29 **E11**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3108**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3119**
Rapid 11.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Rd1N
[10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1 Nfd7 *(11...Ne4 12.a3 Nd6 13.Bb4 a5 14.Bxd6 Bxd6 15.Nf3 Nd7 16.Nc3 Ba6 17.Qa4 Nf6 18.Qd1 Rc8 19.e3 Qd7 20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Qb7*

22.Nb5 Bb8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rc1 Ne4 25.Rc2 g6 26.Kg2 ½-½ (29) Bellmann,H (2355)-Kuhne,D (2352) corr L20K1-H(1-3) 2021*)* 12.Qc7 Ba6 13.Nd3 Bxd3 14.exd3 Na6 15.Qc2 Rc8 16.Qb3 Rxc1+ 17.Bxc1 Nb4 18.Be3 Qb8 19.a3 Nc6 20.Nd2 Bf6 21.Nf3 b5 22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Qc3 Nb6 24.Qd2 h6 ½-½ (60) Vairaj,S (1876)-Saraswat,A (1652) New Delhi Matrix Cup 4th 2025 (5)]

[10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 *(11...c5 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.e5 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Rad1 Qc6 17.Rde1 Rad8 18.Bxe4 Qd7 19.Bg5 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Be7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Rd1 Qb4 23.Qe2 Rc8 24.b3 Rfd8 25.Rd3 Rxd3 26.Qxd3* ½-½ (42) Burmakin,V (2560)-Altukhov,S (2305) Schwarzach op-A 1998 (4)*)* 12.Nxe4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 h6 15.a4 Qc7 16.a5 c5 17.a6 Bc6 18.Bc3 Rad8 19.Rfd1 Qc8 20.Qe2 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Bxd8 23.b4 cxb4 24.Bxb4 Qa8 ½-½ (48) Hakobyan,A (2613)-Sarana,A (2685) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (1.1)]

10...Nbd7 11.Bf4 Nh5! 12.Be3 f5 13.Nf3 g5 14.Nc3 Ng7 15.a3 Ba6 0.50/17

[15...Rc8= 0.06/15 is superior.]

16.b3 -0.01/16

[16.cxd5± 0.50/17 cxd5 17.Rdc1]

16...Rc8= 17.a4 f4 18.Bc1 g4 19.Ne1 fxg3 20.hxg3 h5

[20...Qe8 21.Bh6 Qf7 22.Nd3 dxc4 23.bxc4 Bxc4 24.Nf4]

21.Nd3 h4 22.Nf4 Qe8 23.e3 -0.43/16

[23.Ng6= 0.08/16]

23...Qf7 0.32/17

[Better is 23...hxg3∓ -0.43/16 24.fxg3 Bb4]

24.Nce2 -0.05/16

[24.Ng6± 0.32/17]

24...Bd6 25.Ba3 Bxa3 26.Rxa3 h3 0.46/17

[26...e5= -0.09/19 27.dxe5 Nxe5]

27.Bh1 -0.01/15

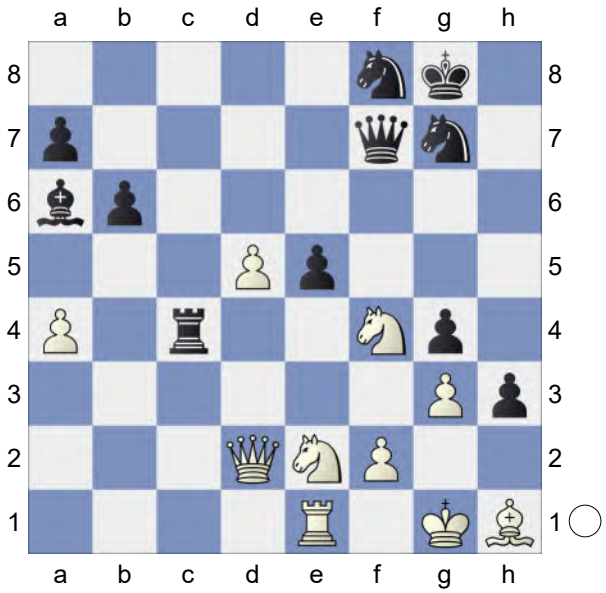
[27.a5± 0.46/17]

27...c5 28.Re1 cxd4 29.exd4 dxc4 30.bxc4 Rxc4 31.Rc3 Rfc8 32.Qd2 Nf8

[32...Rxa4? 33.Rxc8+ Bxc8 34.Qc2+-]

33.Rxc4 Rxc4 34.d5 e5

[34...Rxa4 35.Nd4 Bc4 36.dxe6 Ngxe6 37.Ndxe6 Nxe6 *(37...Bxe6?* perishes. *38.Nxe6 Nxe6 39.Rxe6+-)* 38.Nxe6 Bxe6 39.Rxe6 *(39.Qg5+ Kh7=)* 39...Ra1+ *(39...Qxe6? 40.Bd5+-* Pin *)* 40.Re1 Rxe1+ 41.Qxe1+-]



Against Nd4 **35.d6! exf4 36.Bd5⇄**

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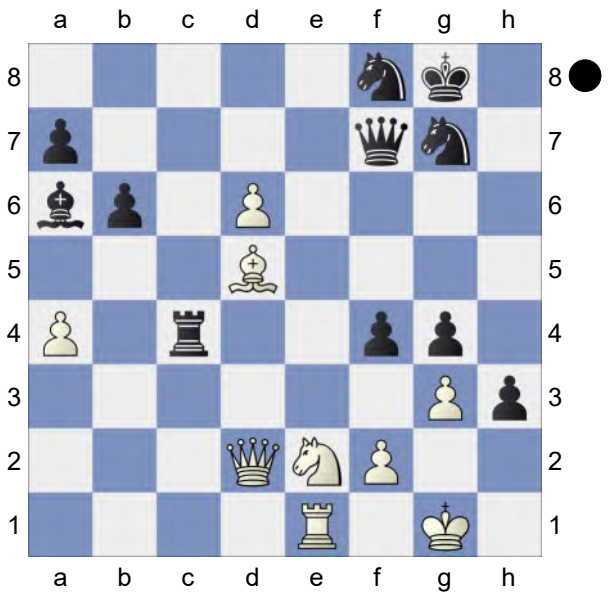
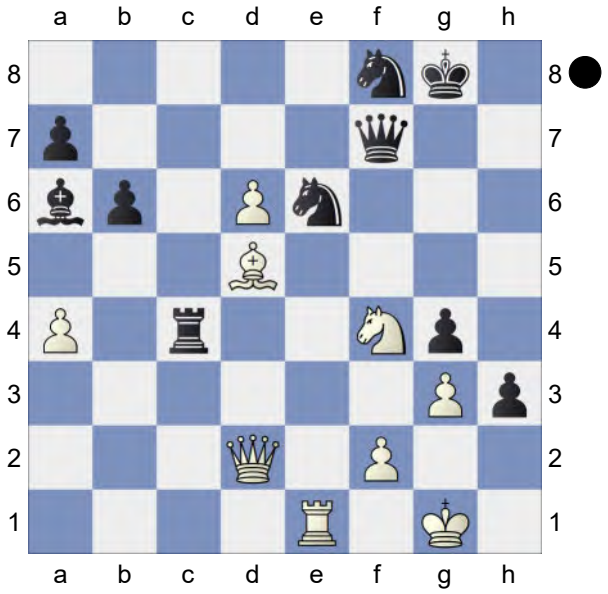
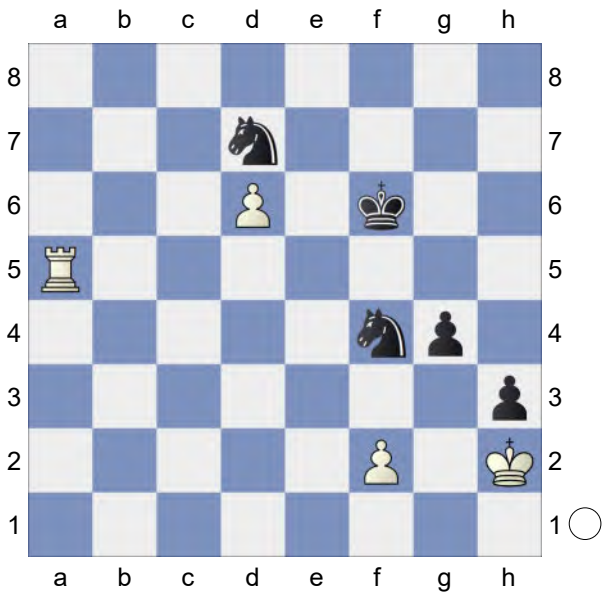


Pin. White is fighting back **36...Nge6! 37.Nxf4**



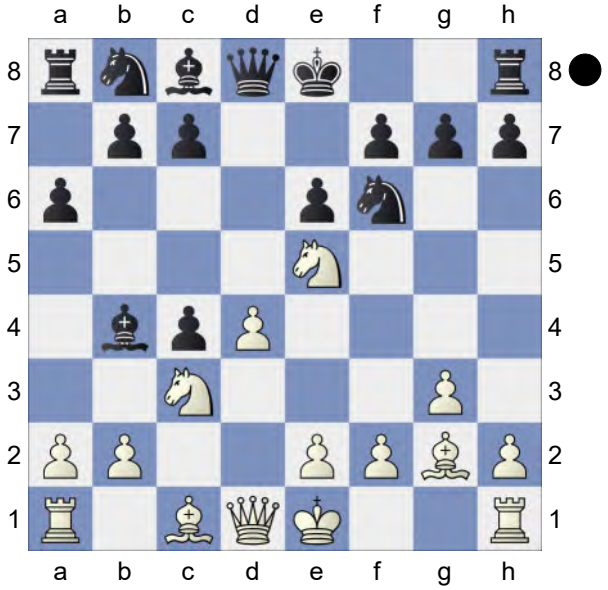
Rxf4 38.gxf4 Bb7! 39.Re4
[39.f5 Bxd5 40.Qxd5 Ng5 41.Qxf7+ Kxf7 42.Re7+ Kf6∓]
39...a6 40.Kh2 Chess con chili. **40...Bxd5 41.Qxd5** Strongly threatening d7!. **41...Ng7 42.Qxf7+ Kxf7 43.Re7+ Kf6 44.a5 bxa5 45.Ra7 Nge6 46.Rxa6**
[46.d7 looks sharper. a4 47.Kg3 a3 48.Rxa6 Nxd7]
46...Nxf4 47.Rxa5 Nd7



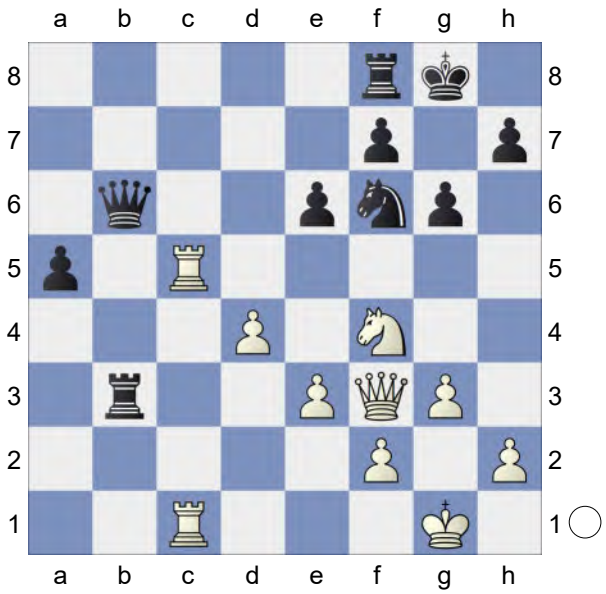
48.f3! gxf3 49.Kg3 Ke6 50.Ra1 White has compensation. **50...h2 51.Rb1 f2 52.Ra1 Nd3 53.Rb1 Kxd6** aiming for ...Ne1. **54.Rd1 f1Q 55.Rxf1 h1Q 56.Rxh1 N3c5 57.Rh6+ Kd5 58.Rd6+ Ke5 59.Rc6 Kd4 60.Ra6 Ke3 61.Ra3+ Kd4 62.Kh3 Na6 63.Kg2 Ke5 64.Rf3 Ke4 65.Kg3 Nc7 66.Rc3 Nb8 67.Kh2 Nd7 68.Rxc7±** Endgame KR-KN **68...Nf8 69.Rc8 Ne6 70.Rf8 Nc7 71.Re8+ Kd5 72.Rd8+ Ke5 73.Rd6 Nd5 74.Rc6 Nb4 75.Kh3 Na2 76.Kg4 Kd4 77.Rc7 Nb4 78.Rb7 Nc6 79.Rf7 Kd3 80.Kg3 Kd2 81.Kf2 Ne5** Against Rd7+ **82.Rf8 Kc3 83.Rd8 Nc4 84.Rd5 Nd2 85.Kg1 Nc4 86.Kf1 Kb4 87.Kg1 Kc3 88.Ra5 Kb4 89.Kh1 Ne3 90.Rf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
90...Nxf5
½-½

28 **E04**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3108**
■ **imnotsohuman** **2999**
Rapid 20.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.Ne5 White has compensation. **6...Bb4+ 7.Nc3**



Nd5 8.0-0 0-0 The position is equal. **9.Ne4 b5 10.b3 cxb3 11.axb3 Bb7 12.Nd3 Nc3**
[12...Nd7 13.Nxb4 Nxb4 14.Bg5 Qe8 *(14...f6 15.Bd2 Nd5 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.Nc5 Nxc5 19.dxc5 c6 20.Ba5 f5 21.Re1 Qf6 22.e4 fxe4 23.Qxe4 Re8 24.Qe5 Qxe5 25.Rxe5 Kf7 26.Rae1 Bc8 27.h4 Bd7 28.h5 Rf8 29.f4* ½-½ (58) Lamard,G (2523)-Raja,R (2469) La Plagne Soleil op 2023 (9)) 15.Rc1 Nd5 16.Nc5 Nxc5 17.Rxc5 f5 18.Qc1 a5 19.Re1 a4 20.bxa4 Rxa4 21.Qb2 c6 22.e3 Qh5 23.Bf4 Rfa8 24.Rc2 Qe8 25.Be5 Qe7 26.e4 Qb4 27.Qc1 1-0 (60) Sargsyan,S (2561)-Cheparinov,I (2652) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (11)]
13.Nxc3 Bxc3N
[13...Bxg2 14.Nxb4 Bxf1 15.Kxf1 a5 16.Nd3 Qxd4 17.Bb2 Rd8 18.Kg1 Qb6 19.e3 Qd6 20.Qf3 Qc6 21.Qg4 h5 22.Qe2 b4 23.Ne5 Qe8 24.Ne4 f6 25.Nf3 Qg6 26.Qc4 Qf7 27.Neg5 fxg5 28.Nxg5 1-0 (34) Ponomarev,G (2271)-Gukhman,S (2058) Cheliabinsk Panchenko Memorial op-A 2022 (3)]
14.Bxb7 Ra7 15.Ra2 Rxb7 16.e3 b4 17.Bd2 Qd5 18.Rc2 Nd7
[18...Qxb3? 19.Bxc3 *(19.Nc5 Qd5+-)* 19...bxc3 20.Nc5+-]
19.Bxc3 bxc3 20.Rxc3 Rfb8 21.Qc2 Rxb3 22.Rxc7 g6 23.Nf4 Qb5 24.Rc1! a5 25.Qe4 aiming for Nxe6!. **25...Nf6 26.Qf3 Rf8 27.R7c5 Qb6**



28.Nd3! Nd7 29.Rc7 Qb5 30.Nf4 Rb1 31.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 32.Kg2 Nf6 33.d5 g5 34.Nh5 Nxh5 35.dxe6 g4 36.exf7+ Kg7 37.Qxg4+ Qg6 38.Qd4+ Qf6 39.Qg4+
[39.Qxf6+ simplifies Nxf6 40.Ra7 Rxf7 41.Rxa5 Ne4 42.Ra2]
39...Qg6 40.Qxg6+ hxg6= Endgame KRN-KR **41.Ra7** Against Ra8 **41...Nf6**

42.Rxa5 Rb8 43.f8Q+ Kxf8 44.Ra4 g5 45.g4 Kf7 46.Kg3 Rb1 47.h4 Rg1+ 48.Kh2 Rxg4 49.Rxg4 Nxg4+ 50.Kg2 gxh4 51.Kh3 Nxf2+ KN-KP **52.Kg2 Ng4** -0.94/25
[Better is 52...h3+= -0.26/25 53.Kxf2 h2]
53.Kh3∓ Nxe3 0.25/26
[53...Ne5 -0.24/28 should be considered. 54.Kxh4 Kg6]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
54.Kxh4
½-½

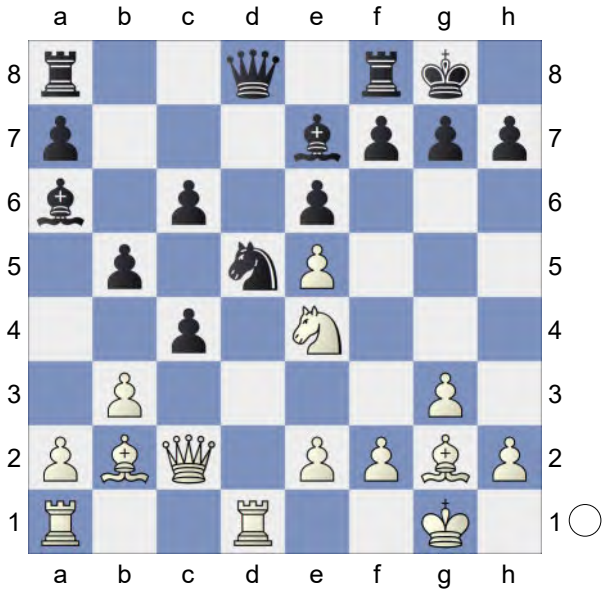
27 **E08**
□ **ArasanX** **3108**
■ **YukariBot** **2772**
Rapid 13.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 b6 10.Rd1 Bb7 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Nd2 Nd5 13.Nxc4 Nxf4 14.gxf4 Qc7 15.e3 Rac8 16.a3N
[16.Rab1 Nf6 17.b4 Nd5 18.a3 f5 19.Ne5 Bd6 20.Rbc1 Qe7 21.Qa4 a6 22.Qb3 g5 23.fxg5 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qxg5 25.Kh1 Kh8 26.f4 Qh5 27.Nxd5 cxd5 28.Qb2 Rg8 29.Rg1 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Rc8 ½-½ (41) Dautov,R (2606)-Tiviakov,S (2608) NED-GER m Venlo 2000 (1.2)]
[16.Rac1 a6 *(16...Nf6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.b4 c5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.b5 Qf3 22.Ne5 Qh3 23.Qe2* E 08/15 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008 *)* 17.Ne4 Rfd8 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Ba8 20.Qb1 c5 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Qe4 Nf6 24.Qf3 h6 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Qxe4 E 08/15 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
16...b5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 c5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Qe4 Qxe4 21.Nxe4 cxd4 22.Rxd4 Rc7 Wards off Rd7
23.Kg2 a5 24.Rad1 h6 25.b4 axb4 26.axb4 Rb8 27.Ra1 g5 28.Kf3 Kg7 The position is equal. **29.h3 Kg6 30.Ra6 Bd8 31.Rd5 h5 32.Rc5 Rxc5 33.Nxc5=** Endgame KRB-KRN
[Of course not 33.bxc5 b4∓]
33...Be7 34.Nd3 Rb7 Prevents Ra7
35.Ra8 Rd7 36.Ke2 Rg8+ is in the air
36...Rb7 37.Kf3 Rd7 38.Ke2 Rb7 A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
39.Kf3
½-½

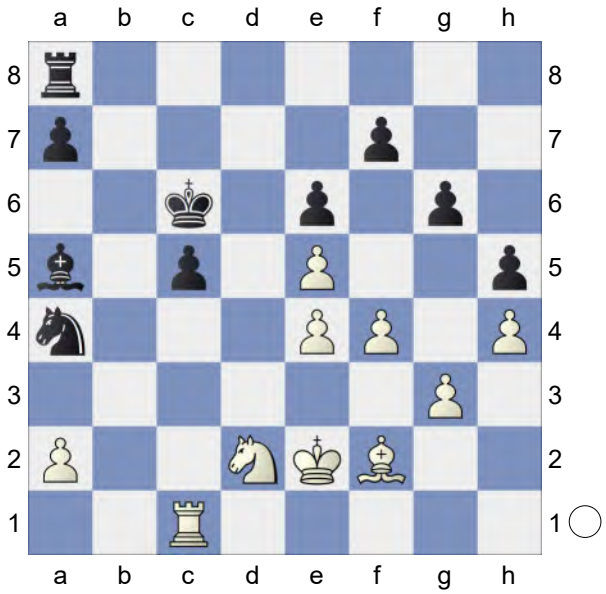
30 **E08**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3107**
■ **PetersBot** **3076**
Rapid 07.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2 b6 8.Rd1 Bb7 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Nc3 Ba6 11.Bb2 dxc4 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Ne4 White has compensation.
14...b5N
[14...cxb3 15.axb3 Qc8 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.exd6 f5 18.e4 fxe4 19.Bxe4 h6 20.d7 Qb7 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qxh6 Qxd7 25.Bf5+ 1-0 Lazavik,

D (2572)-Raczek,K (2428) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early blitz 2025 (6)]



15.Nd6! Qc7
[15...Qb6 16.Rab1]
16.Rac1 Rad8 17.h4 h6 18.Ba1 Qb6 0.42/19
[18...Nb4= -0.01/18 feels stronger. 19.Qd2 c5]
19.Rd2 Qa5 20.Rd4 -0.46/18
[20.Bf3= 0.26/16]
20...Rd7 0.30/18
[20...c5∓ -0.46/18 21.Rd2 Bxd6 22.exd6 Rxd6]
21.Bf3
[21.bxc4 simplifies bxc4 22.Nxc4 Bxc4 23.Rxc4 c5]
21...Qd8! 22.bxc4 bxc4 23.Nxc4 c5 24.Re4 Nb4 25.Qa4 Bb7 26.Re3 Bxf3 27.Rxf3 Nd5 28.Rd3
[28.Nd6 with more complications. Bxd6 29.exd6 Rxd6 30.Qg4]
28...Nb6 29.Rxd7! Nxa4 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Kf1 Rb8 32.Nd6 h5 The position is equal. **33.e4 Kf8 34.Bc3 Bd8 35.Nc4 Ke7 36.Bd2 Bc7 37.f4 Kd7 38.Ke2 g6 39.Be1 Kc6 40.Bf2 Ra8 41.Nd2 Ba5**



42.Nc4 Bc7 43.Nd2 Bb6 44.Rc4 Kb5 45.Rc1 Rd8 ...Ba5 is the strong threat. **46.Nc4 Bc7** Prevents Nd6+. **47.Rc2 Rb8 48.Nb2 Ba5**
[48...Nxb2 49.Rxc5+ *(49.Rxb2+ Kc6±)* 49...Kb6 50.Rc2+ Kb7 51.Rxb2+ Ka6 52.Rd2±]
49.Nc4
[49.Nxa4 Kxa4 50.Bxc5 Rc8∓]
49...Bc7 50.Nd6+ Bxd6 51.exd6= Endgame KRB-KRN **51...Kc6 52.Rc4 Kb5 53.Rc1** Rb1+ is the strong threat. **53...Kc6 54.e5 Rb2+ 55.Kf3 Rxa2 56.Rc4 Ra3+ 57.Ke2 Ra2+ 58.Kf3 Ra3+ 59.Ke2 Ra2+** An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
60.Kf3
½-½

31 **E11**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3104**
■ **YoBot_v2** **3092**
Rapid 05.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

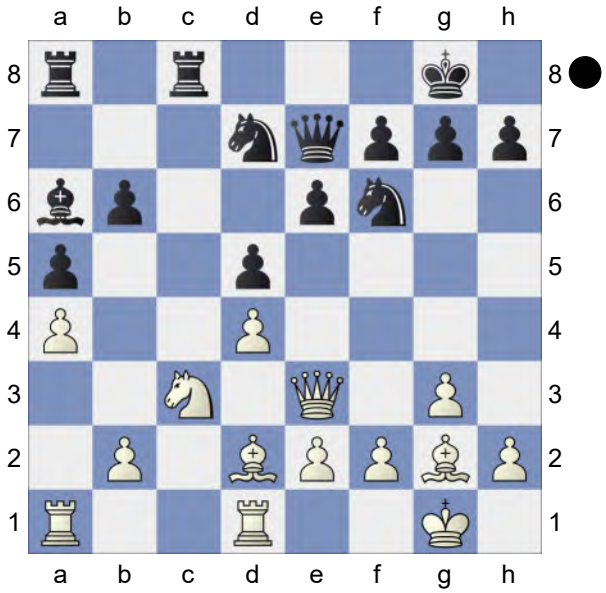
Blitz 10min+3sec E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Rd1N

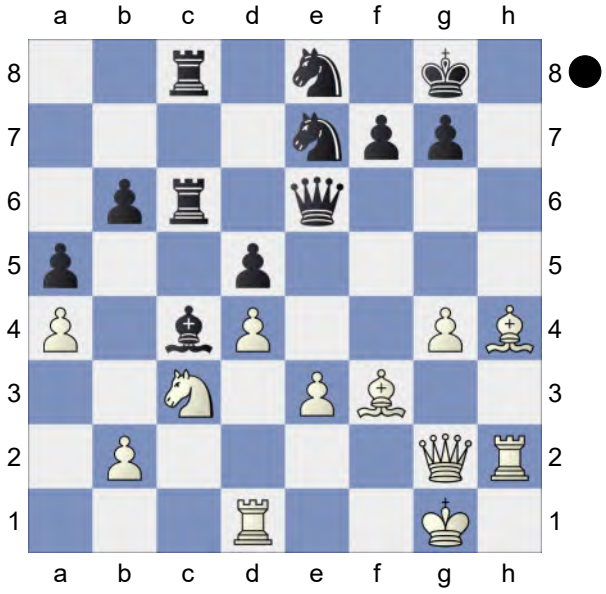
[10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1 Nfd7 *(11...Ne4 12.a3 Nd6 13.Bb4 a5 14.Bxd6 Bxd6 15.Nf3 Nd7 16.Nc3 Ba6 17.Qa4 Nf6 18.Qd1 Rc8 19.e3 Qd7 20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Qb7 22.Nb5 Bb8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rc1 Ne4 25.Rc2 g6 26.Kg2* ½-½ (29) Bellmann,H (2355)-Kuhne,D (2352) corr L20K1-H(1-3) 2021*)* 12.Qc7 Ba6 13.Nd3 Bxd3 14.exd3 Na6 15.Qc2 Rc8 16.Qb3 Rxc1+ 17.Bxc1 Nb4 18.Be3 Qb8 19.a3 Nc6 20.Nd2 Bf6 21.Nf3 b5 22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Qc3 Nb6 24.Qd2 h6 ½-½ (60) Vairaj,S (1876)-Saraswat,A (1652) New Delhi Matrix Cup 4th 2025 (5)]

[10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 *(11...c5 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.e5 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Rad1 Qc6 17.Rde1 Rad8 18.Bxe4 Qd7 19.Bg5 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Be7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Rd1 Qb4 23.Qe2 Rc8 24.b3 Rfd8 25.Rd3 Rxd3 26.Qxd3* ½-½ (42) Burmakin,V (2560)-Altukhov,S (2305) Schwarzach op-A 1998 (4)*)* 12.Nxe4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 h6 15.a4 Qc7 16.a5 c5 17.a6 Bc6 18.Bc3 Rad8 19.Rfd1 Qc8 20.Qe2 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Bxd8 23.b4 cxb4 24.Bxb4 Qa8 ½-½ (48) Hakobyan,A (2613)-Sarana,A (2685) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (1.1)]

10...Nbd7 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Nc6 Qe8 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Nc3 Rfc8 15.Qd3 a5 16.a4 Ba6 17.Qe3



Bc4 18.Qf3 h6 19.g4 Nf8 20.Qg3 Rc6 21.f4 Rd8 22.Rf1 h5 23.h3 Qd6 24.Rf2 Ng6 The position is equal. **25.Re1 Rcc8 26.Ref1 Ba6 27.Rd1 Bc4 28.Rdf1 Ba6 29.Rd1 Rd7 30.Be1 Rdc7 31.e3 Bc4 32.Bf3 Rc6 33.Rh2 Qd7 34.Qg2 Ne8 35.f5 Ne7 36.Bh4 hxg4! 37.fxe6 Qxe6 38.hxg4**



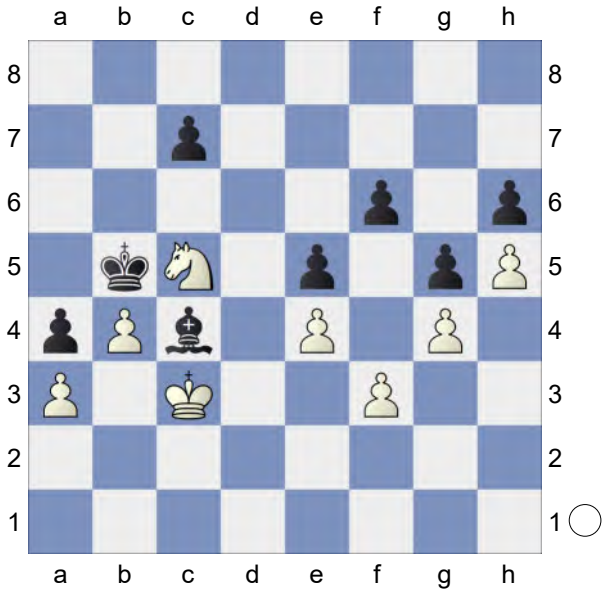
and e4 would now be decisive. Active counter play! **38...Qxe3+ 39.Bf2**

[39.Qf2 simplifies Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2 f6 41.g5]
39...Qg5 40.Rh5 Qf4 41.Bg3⇄ White has counterplay **41...Qe3+ 42.Bf2** Chess con chili. A strong pair of Bishops. **42...Qf4 43.Bg3 Qe3+ 44.Bf2** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
44...Qf4!
½-½

32 **E04**
□ **ArasanX** **3098**
■ **Weiawaga** **2835**
Rapid 10.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8! 10.Na3 a6 11.Ne5!
[11.Nxc4? b5 12.Qb3 bxc4∓]
11...0-0 12.Nxc6 White is slightly better. **12...Nxc6 13.Qxc4**
[13.Bxc6 feels hotter. bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1]
13...Qxd4
[13...Nxd4?! 14.Rfd1 e5 15.e3±]
14.Bxc6 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 bxc6 16.b3 Rb5 Inhibits Ne5. **17.Rfc1** White has compensation. **17...e5N**
[17...Rd8 18.Rc2 e5 19.f3 f6 20.Rac1 Kf7 21.Kf2 E 04/56 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008 Bb7 22.Rc3 Ba8 23.e4 a5 24.a4 Rc5 25.Ke3 Bb7 26.Nb2 Rxc3+ 27.Rxc3 Rb8 28.Kd2 Bc8 29.Rxc6 Rxb3 30.Rxc7+ Kg6 31.Kc2 Rb8 32.Ra7 Bh3 33.Nd3 Bf1 34.Nc5 Bg2 35.Rxa5 Bxf3 36.Rb5 ½-½ (44) Delchev,A (2634)-Beliavsky,A (2668) 83/452 Leon 2001 Rd8 37.a5 Be2 38.Ne6 Bxb5 39.Nxd8 Kg5 40.h3 g6 41.Ne6+ Kh5 42.Nc7 Bc6 43.Kd3 f5 44.exf5 Chapter-Games Chapter 6 Game 6]
18.Ne3 Bd7 19.Nd1 Rd8 20.Nc3 Rc5 21.Na4 Rd5 22.Kf1 a5 23.Ke1 f6 24.Rc4 Kf7 25.Rac1 Rb5 26.f3 Ke7 27.Nc3 Rb4 28.Rc5 Ra8 29.h4 Rd4 30.e3 Rd6 31.Rc2 Bf5 32.e4 Bd7 33.Na4 Rd4 0.59/25
[33...h6= 0.22/23]
34.Ke2± Kd6 35.Rc1 Ke7 36.g4 h6 37.R1c2 0.17/25
[37.Ke3± 0.59/23]
37...Kd6 38.Nb2 g6 39.Ke3 g5! 40.h5 0.16/28
[40.hxg5!± 0.60/27 hxg5 41.R5c3]
40...Be8 41.R5c3 Ke7 42.Rc5 Kd6 43.Rc1 Bd7 44.Ke2 Ke7 45.R1c4 Rxc4 Remove Defender **46.Nxc4=** Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **46...a4 47.b4** and a3 would now be decisive **47...Kd8** 0.66/28
[Black should play 47...Be6= 0.15/28]
48.a3 0.27/25
[48.Kd3± 0.66/28]
48...Kc8! 49.Nb2 0.15/26
[49.Na5± 0.60/28 deserves consideration.]
49...Kb7! 50.Rc2 Be8 51.Nd3 Ka6 52.Nc5+ Kb5 53.Rd2 Kb6 54.Ke1 Kb5 55.Ke2 Kb6 56.Kd1 Kb5 57.Rd3 Rc8 58.Kc1 Ra8 59.Rd2 Kb6 0.61/30
[59...Rc8= 0.01/34]
60.Kb2 0.01/22 White has more active pieces.
[60.Rc2!± 0.61/30]
60...Kb5 61.Kc3 Rc8 62.Rd1 Ra8 63.Kc2 Kc4? 2.54/32
[63...Rb8= 0.16/30 and Black has

nothing to worry.]
64.Ne6!+- Rc8 65.Rd2? 0.75/31
[65.Rd3!+- 2.44/31 and the rest is easy.]
65...Kb5? 2.26/31
[65...Bf7± 0.75/31 was necessary. 66.Nc5 Be8]
66.Rd8 Rxd8 67.Nxd8 KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **67...c5?** 5.28/34
[67...Kc4 1.89/31 is more resistant.]
68.Ne6! Bf7
[68...Kc4? 69.Nxc5 Kb5 70.Ne6±]
69.Nxc5 Bc4 70.Kd2 Dodges Be2
70...Bf7 6.73/28
[⌓70...c6 4.50/27 71.Kd1 Ba2]
71.Kc3 Bc4



72.Na6! Deflection **72...Be2 73.Nxc7+ Kc6 74.Nd5 Bxf3 75.Nxf6 Kd6 76.b5 Kc5**

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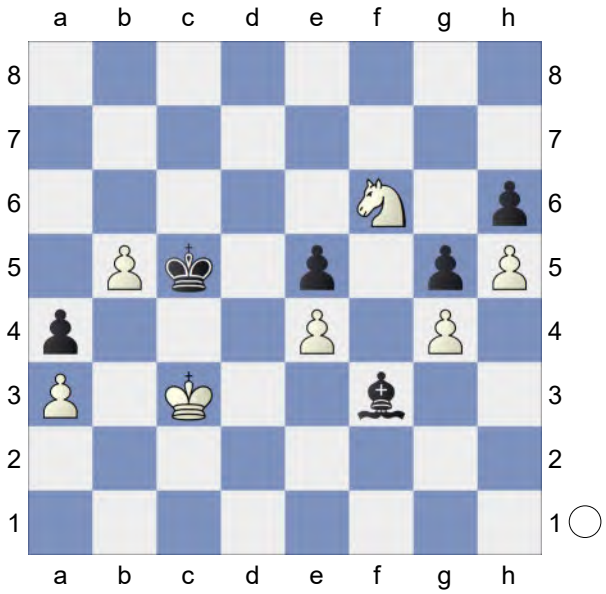
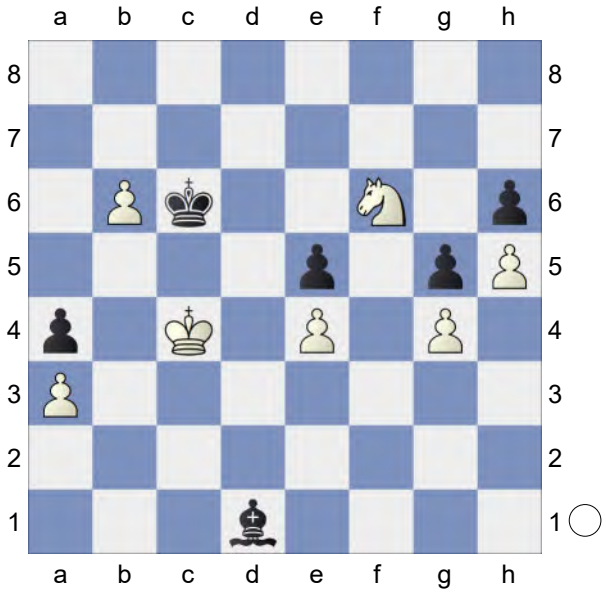


77.b6! Kc6 78.Kc4! Bd1



79.b7! Be2+
[79...Bb3+ 80.Kb4]
80.Kb4 Kxb7 81.Kc5!
[81.Kxa4 Kc6=]
81...Ka6 82.Kd5 Kb5 83.Kxe5 Kc4 84.Kd6 Kb3 85.e5 Bc4

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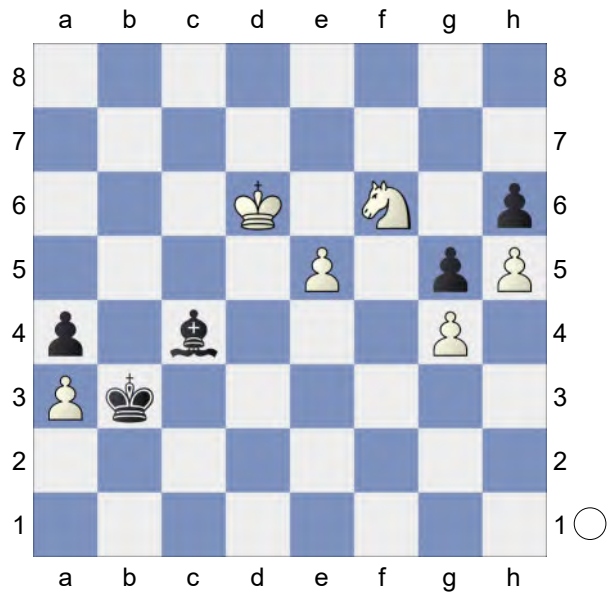
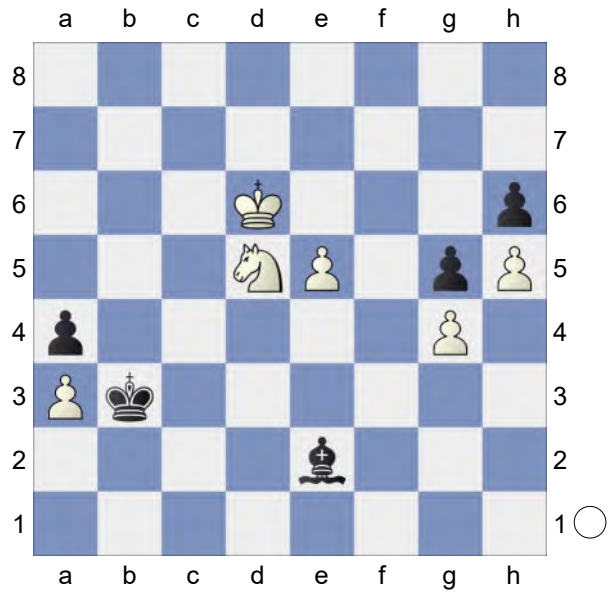
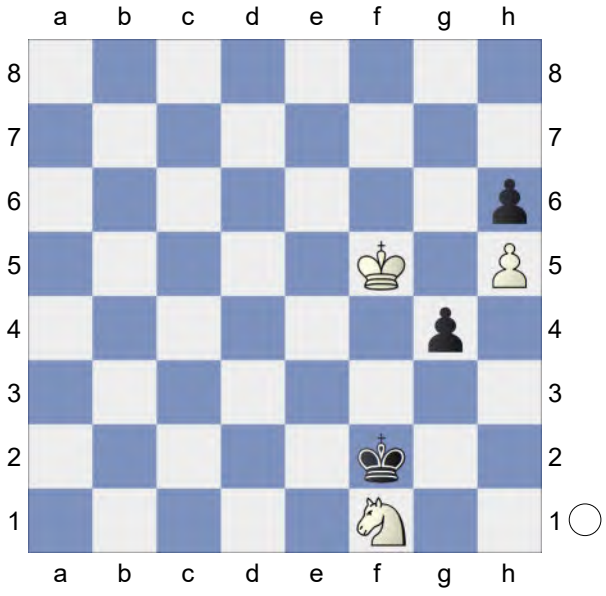


86.Nd5!
[86.e6 Bxe6 87.Kxe6 Kxa3∓]
86...Be2



87.Ne3! Bb5 88.e6 Kxa3 89.Nd5 Kb3 Strongly threatening ...a3. **90.Nc7 a3 91.Nxb5** KN-K3P **91...a2 92.e7 a1Q 93.e8Q**
[93.e8R? Qd1+ 94.Kc5 Qxg4 95.Re3+ Kb2-+]
93...Qd1+ 94.Kc7 Qxg4 95.Qe3+ Kc2 96.Nd4+ Kd1 97.Qf3+ Qxf3 98.Nxf3 KN-KPP **98...g4 99.Nh4 Ke2 100.Kd6 Kf2 101.Ke6 Kg3 102.Nf5+ Kf4 103.Kf6**
[103.Nxh6? g3 *(103...Kg5 104.Nf5=)* 104.Nf5 g2-+]
103...Ke4 104.Kg6? -0.01/24
[104.Nxh6 g3 105.Nf7 g2 106.Ng5+ Kf4 107.Nh3+ *(107.h6 Kg4=)* 107...Kg4=]
[104.Ng3++- 16.26/28 Kf3 105.Nf1]
104...Kf4= 105.Nd4
[105.Nxh6? g3 106.Ng8 g2-+]
105...Ke3! 106.Nf5+ Kf4 107.Kf6
[107.Nxh6? g3 108.Kf6 g2-+]
White now steadily converts the win.
107...Ke4! 108.Ng3+
[Weaker is 108.Nxh6 g3 109.Nf7 g2 110.Ng5+ Kf4 111.Nh3+ *(111.h6 Kg4=)* 111...Kg4=]
108...Ke3 109.Kf5 14.23/23
[⌓109.Ke5 #19/24 Kf3 110.Nf5 g3 111.Nxg3 Clearance *(111.Nxh6? is the wrong capture. g2-+)* 111...Kxg3 112.Kf5 Kh4 113.Kg6 Kh3 114.Kxh6]
109...Kf3+- 110.Nf1 Kf2

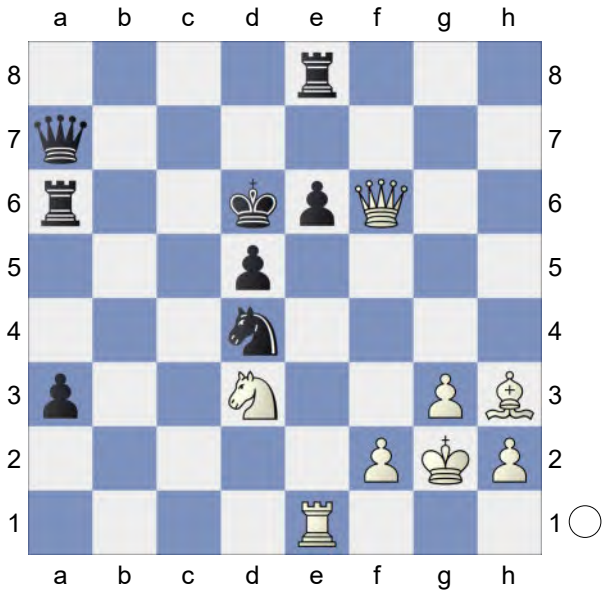


111.Kxg4! Kxf1 KP-KP **112.Kf5 Kf2 113.Kg6 Ke3 114.Kxh6** KP-K. White is a pawn up. **114...Kd3 115.Kg5 Ke4 116.h6 Kd3 117.Kf5 Kc4 118.Ke4**

Kc5 119.h7 Kb6 120.Kd5 Kb7 121.h8Q White threatens Qd8 and mate. **121...Kc7 122.Qa8** 10.25/5
[⩲122.Qb2 #4/10 Kd8 123.Qg7 Ke8 124.Ke6 Kd8 125.Qd7#]
122...Kd7 123.Qa7+ White mates. **123...Ke8 124.Ke6 Kd8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
125.Qb8#
1-0

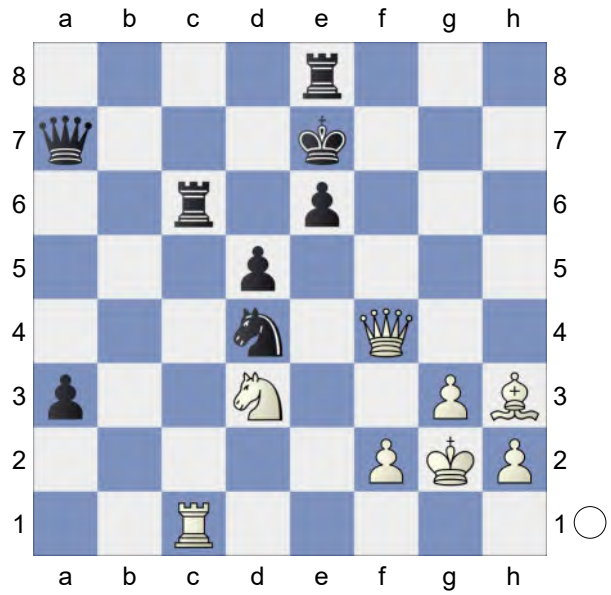
33 **E04**
□ **ToromBot** **3096**
■ **Weiawaga** **2713**
Blitz 05.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Qc2 Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 b5 10.a4 White has compensation. The position is equal. **10...Ncb4 11.Qc1 c6 12.b3 c3 13.Ne4 bxa4**
[13...c2 14.axb5 cxb5 15.0-0=]
14.Rxa4 a5N
[14...c2 15.Qd2 0-0 16.0-0 a5 17.Rc1 Ba6 18.Raa1 Qb6 19.Nc5 Rfd8 20.e3 Nf6 21.Qc3 Nfd5 22.Qd2 Nf6 23.Qc3 Nfd5 24.Qd2 Nf6 ½-½ Pires,A (2687)-Sybil (2691) 4: (rapid) San Diego 2017]
15.Nxc3 Ba6 16.Ne4 Bb5 17.Ra3! Bd3 18.Nc5 Nc2+ 19.Kf1 Nxa3 20.Nxd3 Qd6 21.e4 0-0 22.exd5 cxd5 23.Bh3 Rfc8 24.Qd1 Nb5! 25.Kg2 Nc3 26.Qa1 White wants to play Rc1. **26...Ne4 27.Nfe5 Qb6 28.Rb1**
[28.Re1!?]
28...Nd2 0.66/20
[28...Rc2= 0.01/20]
29.Re1± Nxb3 30.Qb1 Ra6 31.Nf4! Excellent horsemanship.
[31.Nxf7 Nxd4 32.Ng5 Qxb1 33.Rxb1 Re8]
31...Nxd4 32.Qd3 Rf8 1.30/21
[32...Ra7± 0.50/17]
33.Rd1!± White is much more active.
33...Rfa8 2.20/19 **34.Nxf7!+-** Deflection
[34.Qxd4 a4+-]
34...Kxf7 35.Qxh7!
[35.Rb1 Qa7 *(35...Qc5? 36.Rb7+ Kg8 37.Nh5+-)* 36.Qxh7 e5=]
35...a4 36.Nh5? -0.01/17
[36.Bg4+- 2.63/21]
36...Rg8= 37.Nf4 Dancing on a razor blade. **37...Rga8!**
[37...a3 38.Qg6+ Kf8 39.Rc1+-]
38.Nd3 Qb8 Dodges Ne5+ **39.Re1** This move loses the game for Black. **39...Qa7?** 3.19/22
[39...a3± 1.55/22]
40.Ne5++- Deflection **40...Ke7 41.Qxg7+ Kd6 42.Qf6**
[Worse is 42.Nf7+ Kc5±]
42...Re8 43.Nd3 Black must now prevent Rc1. **43...a3**



44.Rc1! Rc6? 7.53/24
[44...a2 2.86/19]

45.Qf4+
[Not 45.Qe5+ Kd7+-]
45...Ke7

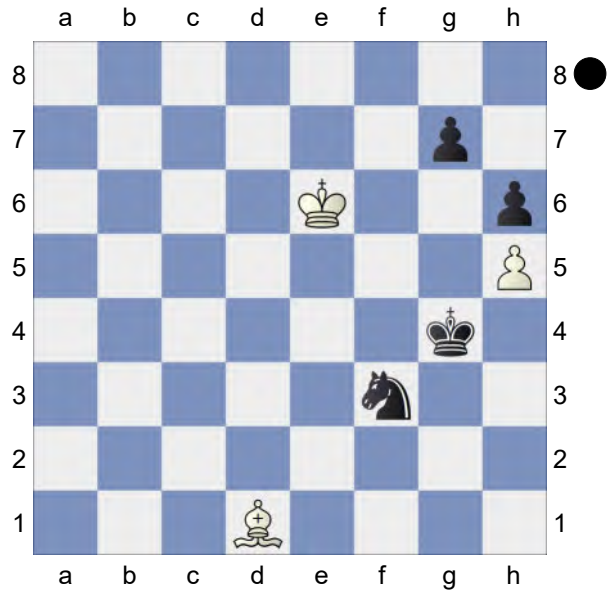


and ...Rxc1 should not be overlooked **46.Ne5! Ra6 47.Qf7+** Deflection **47...Kd6 48.Qxe8 Kxe5 49.Qh8+ Ke4 50.Rd1** Qh4+ would kill now. **50...Nf3 51.Qf6** White mates. **51...Qf7 52.Qxf7 Nh4+ 53.Kf1 d4 54.Bxe6 Ke5 55.Re1+ Kd6 56.Qd7+ Kc5 57.Re5+ Kb6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.44
58.Rb5#
1-0

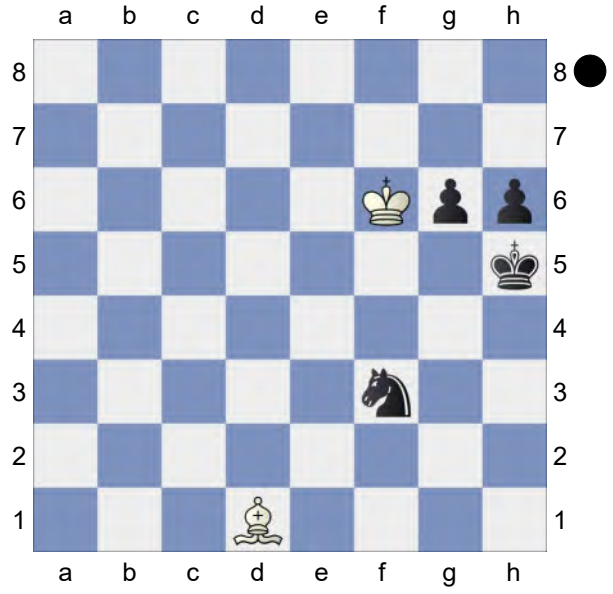
35 **E08**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3095**
■ **PetersBot** **3071**
Rapid 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2 b6 8.Rd1 Bb7 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Nc3 Ba6 11.Bb2 dxc4 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Ne4 b5N
[14...cxb3 15.axb3 Qc8 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.exd6 f5 18.e4 fxe4 19.Bxe4 h6 20.d7 Qb7 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qxh6 Qxd7 25.Bf5+ 1-0 Lazavik, D (2572)-Raczek,K (2428) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early blitz 2025 (6)]
15.Bd4 Qc7 16.Nc5 cxb3 17.axb3 Bb7 18.h4 White has compensation. **18...Rfd8 19.Kh2 a5 20.f4 Nb4 21.Qc3 Nd5 22.Qf3 b4 23.h5 h6 24.Nxb7 Qxb7 25.f5! exf5 26.Qxf5 Qd7 27.Qxd7 Rxd7 28.Rdc1 Ra6 29.Be4** This pair of bishops is nice. **29...Bg5** Black is weak on the light squares **30.Rc4 Be3 31.Bxe3 Nxe3 32.Rxb4** White threatens Rb8+ and mate. **32...Kf8 33.Rb8+ Ke7 34.Kh3** Prevents Ng4 **34...Rd8 35.Rb7+**
[35.Rxd8 simplifies Kxd8 36.Ra4 c5 37.Bf3]
35...Rd7! 36.Rb8 Rd8 Repels Ra4 **37.Rxd8 Kxd8=** Endgame KRB-KRN **38.g4 Rb6 39.Rxa5** And now Ra7 would win. **39...Rxb3 40.Ra8+ Ke7 41.Kg3 Nd5+ 42.Kf2 Ne3 43.Kg3 Nf1+ 44.Kg2 Ne3+ 45.Kf3 Nd5+ 46.Kf2 Ne3 47.Kf3 Nd5+ 48.Bd3 Nc7 49.Ra7 Kd8 50.Ke3 c5 51.Kd2 Rb4 52.Bf5 Rb3 53.Ra1 c4 54.Ra4 Rb5 55.Rxc4 Rxe5 56.Rd4+ Rd5 57.Rxd5+ Nxd5** KB-KN **58.Kd3 Ke7 59.Kd4 Nf4 60.e3 Nh3 61.e4 Kf6 62.e5+ Kg5 63.Kd5 Kf4 64.Kd6 Ng5 65.Bd7 Nf3 66.e6 fxe6**
[66...Kxg4? 67.exf7+ Kf4 68.f8Q++- *(68.f8R+ Kg3+-)*]
67.Kxe6 Kg5
[67...Kxg4!? 68.Kf7+ Kxh5 69.Kxg7 Ne5=]

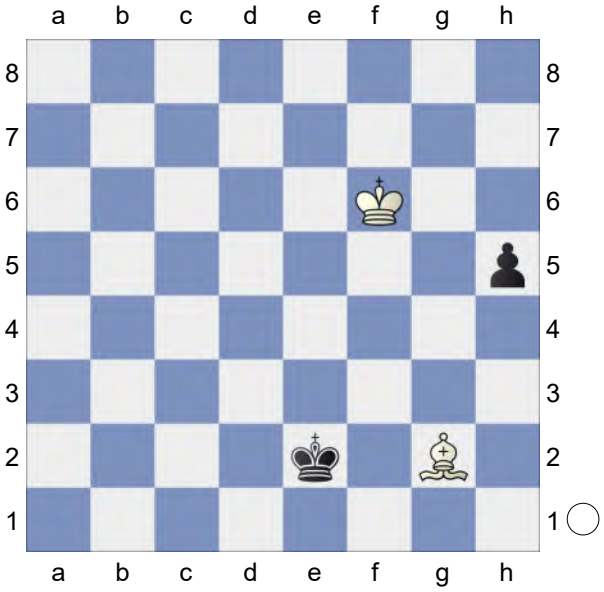
68.Ba4 Kxg4 69.Bd1!



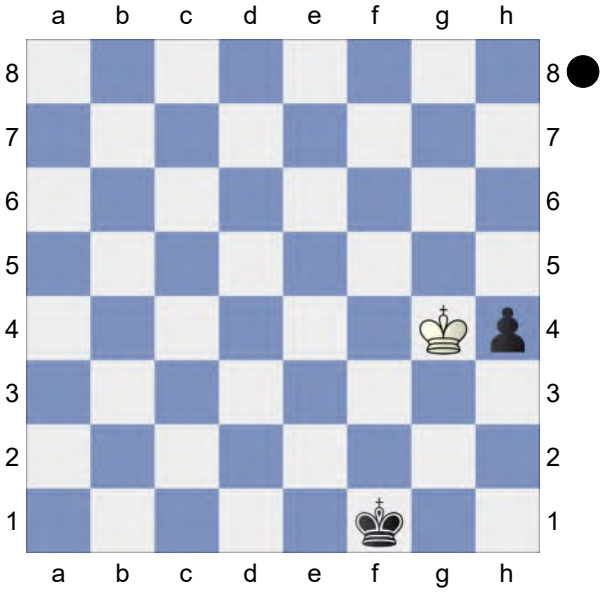
Kxh5! 70.Kf5
[70.Bxf3+ Kg5]
70...g6+ 71.Kf6 -0.47/38
[71.Kf4= -0.01/33
is more appropriate.]



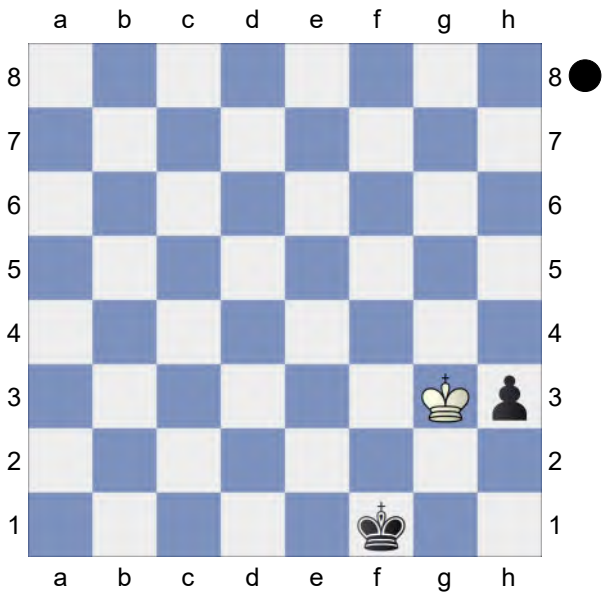
71...g5! 72.Bxf3+ KB-KPP **72...g4**
73.Bc6 g3 0.00/28
[73...Kh4∓ -0.58/34]
74.Be8+ -1.09/48
[74.Kf5!= 0.00/28 remains equal.]
74...Kg4∓ 75.Bd7+ Kf3 -0.31/42
[75...Kf4!∓ -1.16/47 Hoping for ...g2.
76.Bc6 h5]
76.Bc8 -1.24/47
[76.Kg6∓ -0.31/42]
76...g2 77.Bb7+ Ke2? -0.06/15
[77...Kf2∓ -1.58/62 78.Bxg2 Kxg2]
78.Bxg2= h5



79.Bf1+ -0.51/33 **Kxf1∓ 80.Kf5 h4**
-1.36/16
[⌓80...Kg2 -0.98/95 (-> ...h4) 81.Kg5
Kh3 82.Kxh5]
81.Kg4∓



h3! 82.Kg3



h2! 0.01/33
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
83.Kxh2
½-½

34 **E11**
□ **ArasanX** **3095**
■ **Euwe-chess-engine** **2564**
Rapid 27.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 94/(376)'
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qxc4 Bc6 9.Nc3 a6N
White is slightly better.
[9...Ne4
A) 10.Rd1 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Nd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qd3 *(13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qc8 16.e4 c5 17.Qa4 a6 18.Qd7 Re8 19.f4 b5 20.Ba5 Bf8 21.Qxc8 Rexc8 22.Rd7 c4 23.Kf3 Rab8 24.Ra7 Bc5 25.Rd7 Kf8 26.f5 Be7 27.a3 Ke8* 1-0 (41) Rego,V-Kulhanek,P USSR 12/40 1971*)* 13...Nf6 14.Ne1 Bxg2 15.Nxg2 E 04/02-N,N 2009;
B) 10.Bf4 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Nd7 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Rfd1 *(13.Qc2 0-0 14.Be5 Nd7 15.e4 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxd4 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.b3 e5 19.Qxc6 Bd6 20.Rac1 a5 21.Rfd1 Qb2 22.Rc2 Qa3 23.Bf1 a4 24.Bc4 axb3 25.Bxb3* Doncea,V (2362)-Gordin,A (2327) Bucuresti 94/(376) 2005*)* 13...0-0 14.a3 Nd5 15.Qd2 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 a5 17.e4 Bb5 18.Bf1 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 c6 20.Kg2 a4 21.Qd2 Ra5 22.Rac1 Rb5 23.Rc2 Bf6 24.Qe2 0-1 (51) Velilla Velasco,F (2414)-Johansen,T (2550) 19/322 Argentina 1974 (5)]
10.Qd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfd1 h6 13.a3 Nb6 1.14/20
[13...b5± 0.42/16]
14.e4± Na4 15.Nxa4 Bxa4 16.b3 Bb5 17.Qe3 b6 18.Bc1 a5 1.38/19
[⌓18...c5 0.95/18]
19.Bb2 a4 1.64/19
[19...Rc8± 1.01/18]
20.b4+- c6 21.Ne5 Qc7 1.56/18
[Black should try 21...Rc8 1.10/19]
22.Rac1± Qb7 23.Qf3 Rac8 24.h4 White is more active. **24...Qa6** 1.84/20
[24...Rfd8± 1.23/18 was worth a try.]
25.Rc2 1.35/18
[Better is 25.Rd2+- 1.84/20]
25...c5

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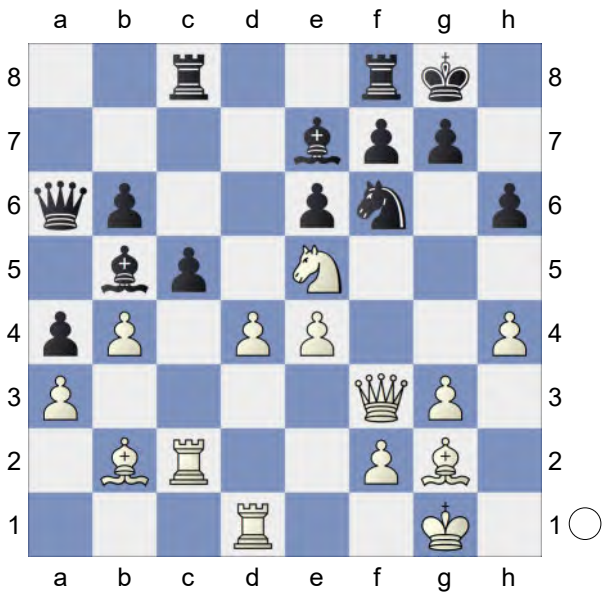
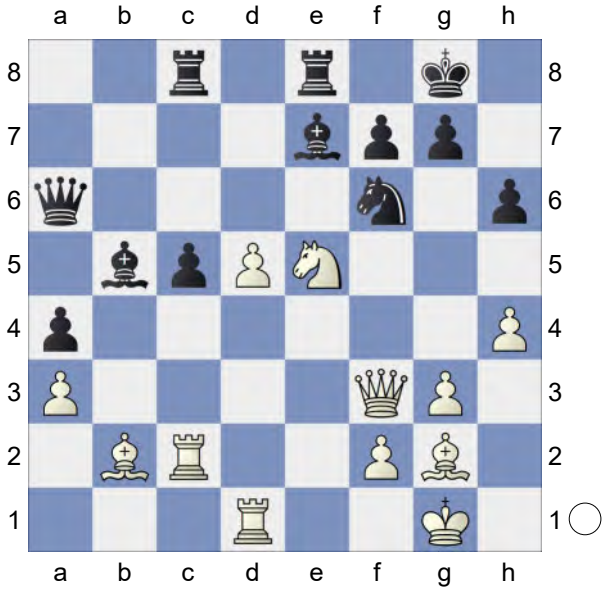


26.bxc5 bxc5 27.d5 This move loses the game for Black. **27...exd5?** 3.13/20
[27...Rb8± 1.31/18 28.Ng4 Ne8]
28.exd5+- And now Rcd2 would win.
28...Rfe8? 4.24/19
[28...c4 1.87/19 29.Nc6 Nxd5]



29.d6! Bxd6

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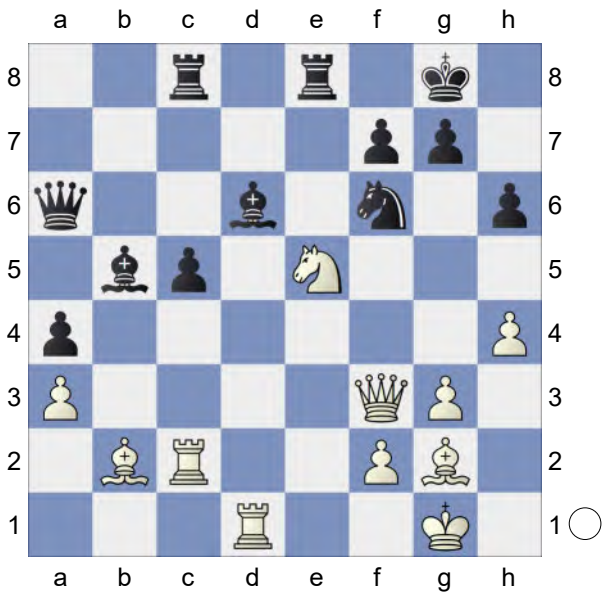
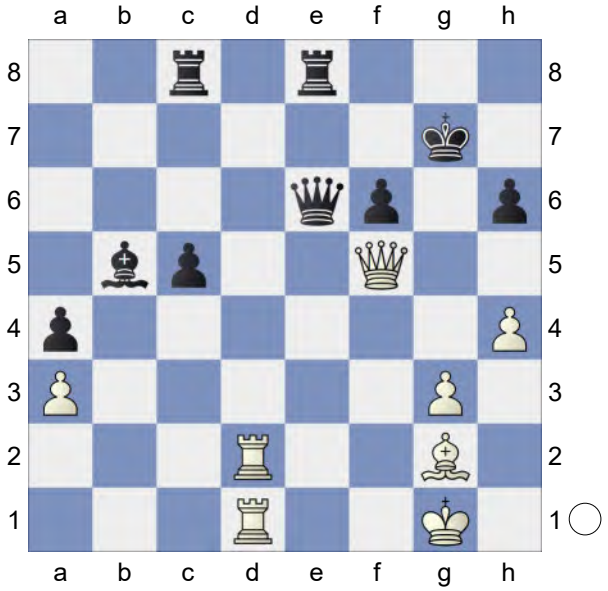


30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Bxf6 gxf6? 8.15/22
[31...Bf8 3.68/22 32.Bc3+ Kg8]
32.Qf5 Kg7 Prevents Qh7+ **33.Rcd2**
[33.Be4 Rxe4 34.Qxe4 h5∓]
33...Bxg3 34.fxg3 Qe6



Dodges Rd7+ **35.Rd7+!** X-Ray Attack
35...Bxd7 36.Rxd7+ Kf8 37.Qh7 Re7 Prevents Qg7+. **38.Rxe7**
[38.Qxh6+ Ke8 39.Rd3 c4 40.Qh8+ *(40.Qh5+ Kf8=)* 40...Kf7 41.Qh7+ Kf8 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Qh7+ Kf8 44.Qh8+ Kf7=]
38...Qxe7 Endgame KQR-KQB

39.Qh8+ Skewer
[Stronger than 39.Qxh6+ Qg7 40.Qf4 c4∓]
39...Kf7 40.Qxc8 Qe5 Wards off Bd5+ **41.Qd7+ Kg6 42.Qg4+ Kf7 43.Kh2 Qd4 44.Qxd4 cxd4 45.Bf1 Ke6 46.Kg2 Ke5 47.Kf3 f5 48.g4 fxg4+ 49.Kxg4** KB-K3P **49...Ke4 50.Bb5 Ke3 51.Bxa4** Kh5 would kill now. KB-KPP **51...d3 52.Kh5 Kd2 53.Kxh6** KB-KP. White mates. **53...Kc3 54.Kg5 Kb2 55.Kf4 Kxa3 56.Ke4 Kxa4 57.Kxd3** KP-K. White is a pawn up. **57...Kb5 58.h5 Kc6 59.h6 Kd6 60.h7 Ke6 61.Ke4 Kd6 62.h8Q Kc5 63.Qd8 Kb4 64.Qd4+ Ka3 65.Kd3 Kb3 66.Qb6+ Ka3 67.Kc3 Ka4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.72
68.Qa6#
1-0

36 **E08**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3089**
■ **Stockfish_13-1** **2870**
Blitz 19.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2 0-0 7.Bg2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Bf4 b6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Qd1
[12.Qb3 Rc8 13.Rxc8 Qxc8 14.Nc3 Nh5 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Nxg5 Qb8 *(16...a6 17.Rc1 Nhf6 18.e3 Qc7 19.Qa3 h6 20.Nf3 Rc8 21.Bf1 Qd8 22.Ne2 Ne4 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Nc3 Nxc3 25.bxc3 Qf8 26.Qa4 Qc8 27.Qb4 Qf8 28.Qb3 Qd6 29.Qa4 a5 30.Bb5 Nf6 31.Ne5* 0-1 (55) Pogonina,N (2385)-Galaktionov,A (2343) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2025 (9) *)* 17.e3 Nhf6 18.Bf1 Rc8 19.a4 h6 20.Nf3 Ne4 21.a5 Bc6 22.Ba6 bxa5 23.Qc2 Bb7 24.Rxa5 Bxa6 25.Rxa6 Rc7 26.Kg2 Qb4 ½-½ (43) Giri,A (2785)-Karjakin,S (2773) 129/166 Bilbao 2016]
12...Rc8 13.Nc3 The position is equal. **13...a6** Dodges Nb5 **14.Rc2N**
[14.a4 Nh5 15.Bd2 Bd6 16.e4 dxe4 17.Ng5 Nhf6 18.Ngxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Be7 21.Be3 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Nf6 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Rc6 h6 25.Qd3 b5 26.Rxa6 bxa4 27.Rxa4 Qd5 28.Qc2 Qb7 1-0 (69) Michalik,P (2558)-Moussard,J (2686) Mayrhofen 154/173 2022 29.Rc4 Rd8 30.h4 h5 31.Rc7 Qa8 32.Kh2 g6 33.b4 Rb8 34.b5 Bd8 35.Rc6 Qb7 36.Qc4 Bb6 37.Bf4 Rd8 38.Be5 Kh7 39.Bf6 Ra8 40.Qc1 Bd8 41.Qf4 Bxf6 42.Qxf6 Kg8 43.d5 exd5 1-0 (69) Nachtsheim,F (2558)-Novy,M (2686) Lagos South West op 2023]
14...b5 15.Rac1 h6 16.h4 Nh5 17.Bd2 Rc4 18.a3 Nhf6 19.e3 Qc7 20.Ne1 Rc8 21.Nd3 Qb8 22.Be1 Bd6 23.b4 e5 24.Nc5 exd4 25.exd4 Qa8! 26.Ra1 Bc6 27.Qd3 Re8 28.Re2 Rxe2 29.Nxe2 Nf8 30.Qe3 Qc8 31.Nb3 Ba8 32.Qd3 Ne4 33.Nc5 Nf6 34.Nc1! Bxc5 35.bxc5 Ne6 0.93/20
[35...Bc6± 0.36/18]
36.Nb3!± Nd8 1.37/19
[Black should play 36...h5 0.73/17]
37.Bf3! White is more active. **37...Ne6 38.Qe3! h5** 1.85/18
[38...Qe8± 1.00/18]

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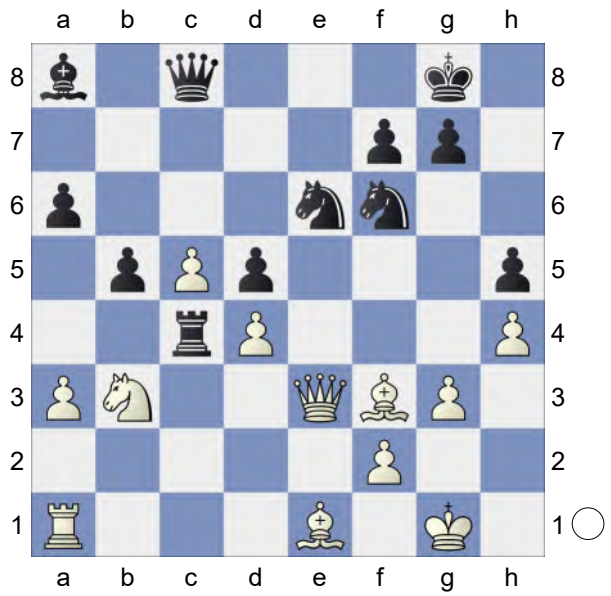
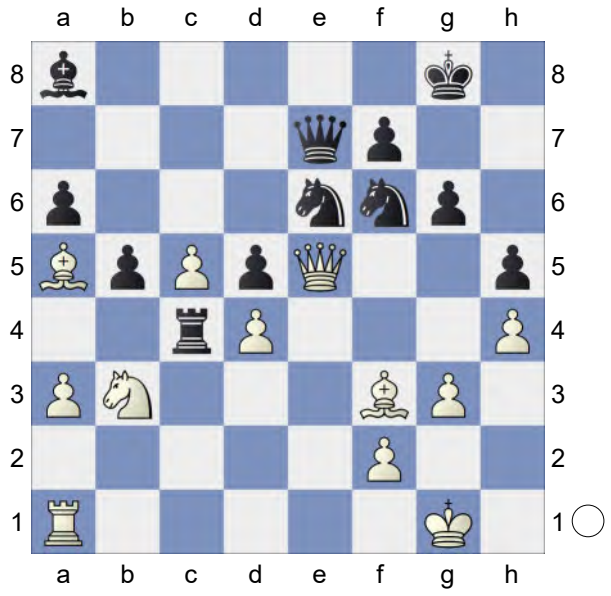


39.Bb4!+- g6 2.14/20 Black is weak on the dark squares
[39...Ng4± 1.08/19 40.Bxg4 hxg4]
40.Qe5 This costs Black the game.
40...Qd8 2.52/21
[40...Nd7± 1.19/19 41.Qd6 Rc2]
41.Ba5 Qe7

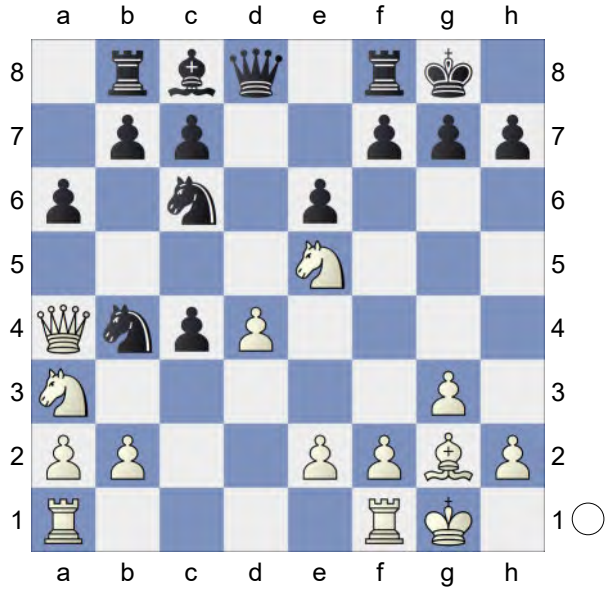


42.Re1! Rc2? 3.29/18
[42...Kh7 1.74/19 43.Bb4 Qd8]
43.Bd2 Nd7 44.Qe3 1.78/17
[⌓44.Qc7 3.23/19]
44...Ra2? 3.30/18
[44...Qf6 1.78/17 45.Bd1 Rb2]
45.Nc1 Rc2 46.Bd1 This pair of bishops is nice. **46...Rc4 47.Bb3 Nf6**
[47...Rxd4? 48.Qxd4 Qf8 49.Rxe6 fxe6 50.Bc3+-]
48.f3 Inhibits Ng4.
[48.Bxc4 dxc4 49.f3 Qc7±]
48...Qc7
[48...Rxd4? 49.Qxd4 Ne4 50.Rxe4 dxe4 51.Bxe6 fxe6 52.Bb4 *(52.fxe4 e5+-)*]
49.Ne2 a5? 4.55/18
[49...Bb7 2.57/16 is a better defense. 50.Kf1 Qc6]
50.Bxc4 dxc4 51.Qe5 Qxe5 52.dxe5 Nd7 53.f4
[Weaker is 53.Bxa5 Nxe5 54.Rb1 Bc6±]
53...Ndxc5 54.Bxa5 Nd3 55.Rb1 Bc6 56.Bb6 Kh7 57.Nc3 g5 58.fxg5 Nxe5 59.Nxb5 Nf3+ 60.Kf2 Nd2 61.Rb4 Ne4+ 62.Ke3 c3 63.Rxe4 Bxb5 Endgame KRB-KBN **64.Rb4 Bc6 65.Rc4 Bb5 66.Rxc3 Ng7 67.Ke4 Ne8 68.Ke5 Kg6 69.Rf3 Be2 70.Rf4 Bd3 71.a4 Kg7 72.a5 Bb5 73.Bd8** Hoping for Rb4. **73...Kg8 74.Rb4 f6+ 75.gxf6** 29.24/24
[⌓75.Bxf6 #15/26 Bd3 76.Rd4 Bg6 77.a6 Kf8 78.a7 Nc7 79.Rd8+ Kf7 80.Rd7+ *(80.a8B Nxa8 81.Rxa8 Bc2+-)* 80...Kf8 81.Rxc7 Bf7 82.Rc8+ *(82.a8B Kg8 83.Rc8+ Be8 84.g6 Kf8 85.Be4 Kg8 86.Rxe8#; 82.a8Q+ Be8 83.Qb8 Kg8 84.Qxe8#)* 82...Be8 83.g6 Kg8 84.Rxe8#]
75...Ba6 76.Rb6 Nxf6 77.Kxf6 Be2 78.a6 Bd3 79.a7 Be4 80.Rb8 Bd5 81.Bb6+ 33.80/5
[⌓81.a8Q #4/10 Bxa8 82.Bb6+ *(82.Rxa8 Kh7 83.Bb6 Kh6 84.Rh8#)* 82...Kh7 83.Rxa8 Kh6 84.Rh8#]

81...Kh7 82.a8Q White mates.
82...Bxa8 83.Rxa8 Kh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.41
84.Rh8#
1-0

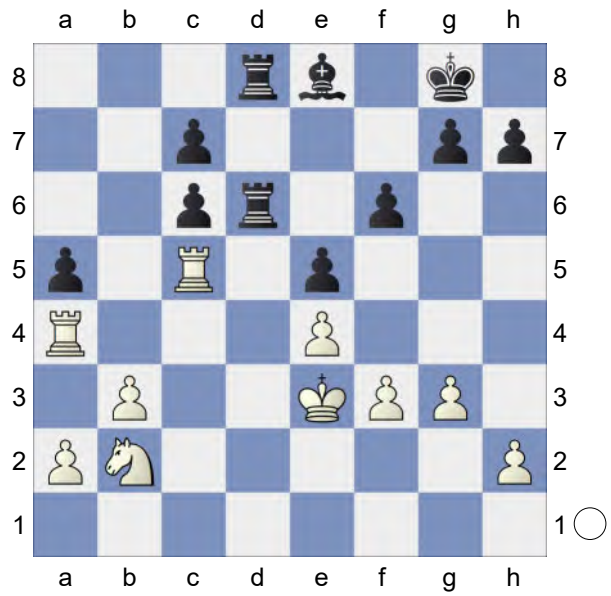
37 **E04**
□ **ArasanX** **3088**
■ **bot64jaques** **2502**
Rapid 05.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8 10.Na3 a6 11.Ne5!
[11.Nxc4? b5 12.Qb3 bxc4∓]
11...0-0



...b5 is the strong threat. **12.Nxc6** White is slightly better. **12...Nxc6**
13.Qxc4
[13.Bxc6 feels hotter. bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1]
13...Qxd4
[13...Nxd4?! 14.Rfd1 e5 15.e3±]
14.Bxc6 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 bxc6 16.b3 Rd8
[16...Rb5 17.Rfc1 Rd8 18.Rc2 e5 19.f3 f6 20.Rac1 Kf7 21.Kf2 Bb7 22.Rc3 Ba8 23.e4 a5 24.a4 Rc5 25.Ke3 Bb7 26.Nb2 Rxc3+ 27.Rxc3 Rb8 28.Kd2 Bc8 29.Rxc6 Rxb3 30.Rxc7+ Kg6 31.Kc2 ½-½ (44) Delchev,A (2634)-Beliavsky,A (2668) 83/452 Leon 2001]
17.f3N White has compensation.
[17.Rfd1 Bd7 18.Rd2 Be8 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Kf1 Kf8 21.Rc1 Ke7 22.Na5 Rd2 23.a4 Rb2 24.Nxc6+ Bxc6 25.Rxc6 Kd7 26.Rxa6 Rb1+ 27.Kg2 Rxb3 28.Ra8 c5 29.Ra7+ Kd6 30.Rxf7 c4 31.Rf8 Kc5 0-1 (66) Diez Del Corral,J (2535)-Bolz,B (2660) corr 145/130 2019 32.Rc8+ Kb4 33.f4 c3 34.Kf2 Kxa4 35.Ra8+ Kb4 36.Ke3 Ra3 37.Rc8 Kb3 38.Kd3 Kb2 39.e4 Rb3 40.e5 Rb7 41.f5 Rd7+ 42.Ke4 exf5+ 43.Kxf5 c2 44.e6 Rd5+ 45.Ke4 Rd8 46.Rxd8 c1Q 0-1 (66) Wojtkiewicz,A (2535)-Krasenkow,M (2660) Manila 1998]
17...Bd7 18.Rfc1 Be8 19.Kf2 f6 20.Rc2 Rb5 Against Na5 **21.Nb2 e5 22.Na4 a5 23.Nc5 Bg6 24.e4 Rb6 25.Ke3 Rd6 26.Rac1 Be8 27.Nd3 Rb8 28.Rc5 Ra8 29.Nb2 Rdd8 30.R1c4 Rd6** 1.37/19
[30...Ra6± 0.68/20]
31.Ra4± Rad8

(Diagram)

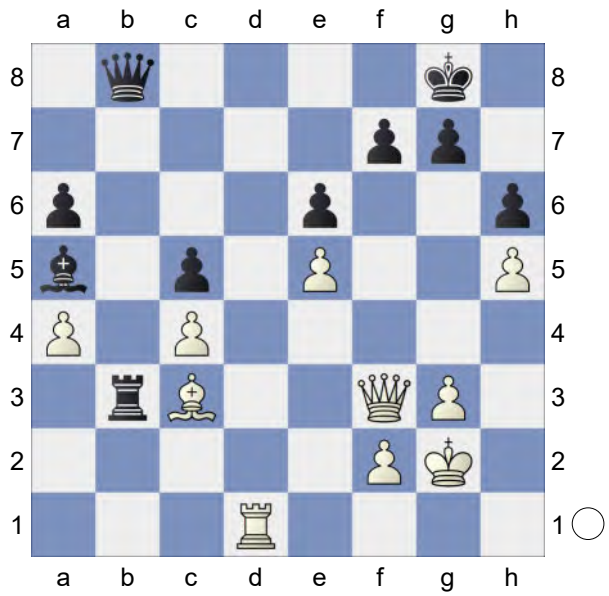


32.Rc2 Wards off Rd2
[Worse is 32.Raxa5 Rd2∓]
[32.Rcxa5?! c5 33.Ra3 Rd2=]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
32...Rd4? 2.37/19
[32...Ra8± 0.81/17]
33.Rxa5 g5 2.53/18
[⌓33...h5 1.83/16 34.h4 R4d7]
34.h3 Bd7 3.51/19
[⌓34...h5 2.13/17 35.g4 R4d6]
35.g4+- Rc8 36.Nd3 Kf7 37.h4 h6 5.02/20
[37...gxh4 2.83/19 might work better. 38.g5 *(38.Rh2 Rd8±)* 38...Rxd3+ *(38...Re8? 39.gxf6 Kxf6 40.Nxe5+-)* 39.Kxd3 fxg5]
38.h5 Ke6 7.31/22
[⌓38...Be8 4.63/19 39.Ra7 Ke7]
39.Nc5+ Ke7 40.Rd2 Rd6 41.a4 Be6 42.Rxd6 Kxd6 Endgame KRB-KRN
43.Kd2 Rb8 44.Kc3 Bf7 45.b4 Ke7 46.Ra6 Be8 47.Ra7 Rc8 48.Nb7 Bf7 49.Na5 c5 50.b5 Kf8 51.Nb7 c4 52.Na5 Ke8 53.Nxc4 Be6 54.Kb4 Kd8 55.Na5 Bf7 56.Kc5 Nc6+ would now be deadly. **56...Ke8 57.Nc6 f5 58.exf5 e4 59.fxe4 Bb3 60.a5 Ba4 61.a6 Bd1 62.Rb7 Ra8 63.Rxc7 Ba4 64.a7 Bxb5 65.Kxb5** KRN-KR **65...Kf8 66.Ne5 Kg8 67.f6** Intending Ng6 and mate. **67...Kf8 68.Ng6+** White mates. **68...Ke8 69.f7+ Kd8 70.Kb6 Rxa7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.99
71.f8Q#
1-0

38 **E11**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3087**
■ **TheMatrix2029** **3077**
Blitz 19.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2 0-0 7.Bg2 c6 8.0-0 b6 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.b3 h6 11.Bc3 Bb7 The position is equal.
12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.Rac1 Rac8 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 c5 16.Ne5 Bxe4N
[16...Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Rfd8 19.h4 a6 20.a4 Rd7 21.Qe2 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 b5 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Rxd7 Qxd7 25.a5 Rc7 26.Qe2 Rc8 27.Qe4 Rc7 28.Re1 b4 29.a6 bxc3 30.Qc4 Qd2 31.Re2 0-1 Navlt,Z (2447)-Trofimov,V (2405) corr WC45/sf 9 2021 Qd1+]
17.Bxe4 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Rfd8 20.a4 a6 21.h4 Rb8 22.Qf3 b5 23.Kg2 bxc4 24.bxc4 Qc8 25.h5 Rb3 26.Rb1 Qb8 27.Rxd8+ Bxd8 28.Rd1 Threatens to win with Rd7.
[28.Rxb3 Qxb3 29.Qa8 Qxc3 30.Qxd8+ Kh7 31.Qb6]
28...Ba5

(Diagram)

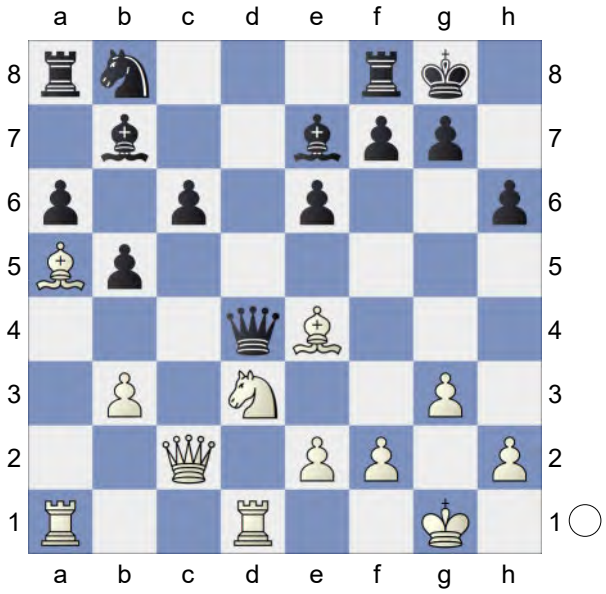


29.Rd7! Qf8
[Worse is 29...Rxc3 30.Qxf7+ Kh8 31.Qxg7#]
30.Rd3 Rxc3 31.Rxc3 Bxc3 32.Qxc3= Endgame KQ-KQ **32...Qb8 33.Qa5 Qb7+ 34.Kh2 Qc6 35.Qd8+ Kh7 36.Qd3+ Kg8 37.Qa3 Qc7 38.Qb2 Qd8 39.Qb7 Qd4 40.Qb8+ Kh7 41.Qb1+ Kg8 42.Qb8+ Kh7 43.Qb1+ Kg8** An even fight not without its subleties.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
44.Qb8+
½-½

39 **E11**
□ **ToromBot** **3085**
■ **pawn_git** **2752**
Blitz 10.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

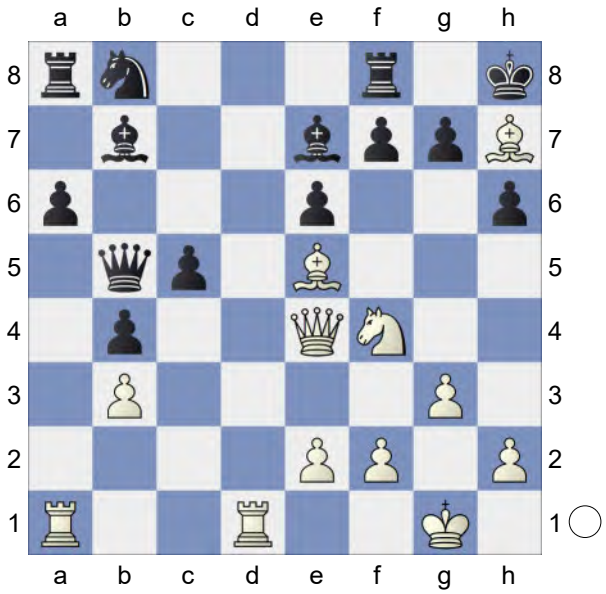
Blitz 3min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2 0-0 7.Bg2 c6 8.0-0 b6 9.Nc3
[9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Ba6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Rc8 14.Nc3 Ng4 15.h3 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 Bc5+ 17.Be3 Bxe3+ 18.Kxe3 b5 19.Qd3 Rc4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Qg5+ 22.Kf2 Qxe5 23.Bxc4 bxc4 ½-½ (31) Buchicchio,G (2800)-11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2803) B1) 11.Bc4 2003 (8)]
9...dxc4
[9...Bb7 10.Rfd1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bc3 Qc8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Bxf6 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qc6+ 20.Kg1 f6 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rfd8 23.Rd4 e5 24.Rd3 ½-½ (26) Lima,K (2068)-Lima,S (2312) Brasilia op 2025 (8)]
10.Ne5N
[10.e4 Nbd7 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Ba6 13.Neg5 g6 14.h4 Kg7 15.h5 c5 *(15...c3 16.bxc3 Bxf1 17.Bxf1 b5 18.Qe4 Qe8 19.Bd3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 h6 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nf3 N7b6 23.Kg2 h5 24.Rh1 Qf7 25.g4 Nc4 26.Bg5 Nxc3 27.Bf6+ Kg8 28.Qe1 Nd5 29.Ng5 Qd7 30.Bxg6* ½-½ (35) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Radjabov,T (2753) 10th Chess 2022 (9.2) *)* 16.Qe4 cxd4 17.Qg4 c3 18.hxg6 cxd2 19.Nxf7 Qc8 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.Bxd5 hxg6 22.Bxa8 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qxa8 24.Ng5 Bxg5 (31) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (2)]
10...Bb7 0.66/18
[10...Qxd4= 0.18/18 11.Bf4 Qc5]
11.Rfd1± White is slightly better. **11...a6** 0.77/19
[11...Qc8± 0.41/19 is superior.]
12.Ne4± b5 13.b3! cxb3 14.axb3 Nxe4 15.Ba5 Qd6 and ...f5 would now be decisive **16.Bxe4 h6 17.Nd3** White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **17...Qxd4** 1.17/22

[17...Re8!± 0.69/18]

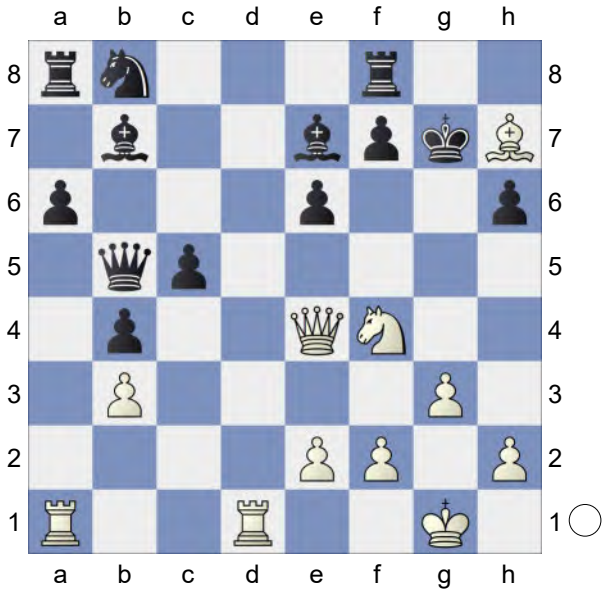


18.Bh7+! Decoy **18...Kh8** **19.Bc3!** White has strong compensation. **19...Qb6** 1.52/21
[⌓19...Qd7 1.09/21]
20.Nf4! Strongly threatening Nh5.
20...b4? 2.48/22
[20...Qc7± 0.93/22]
21.Be5+- This move loses the game for Black. **21...Qb5?** 4.58/21
[21...Qc5± 1.50/21 22.Qe4 f5]
22.Qe4 c5? 5.30/19
[22...Rg8 2.84/18 was necessary.]

(Diagram)



23.Bxg7+!→ Decoy. White attacks with force. **23...Kxg7**

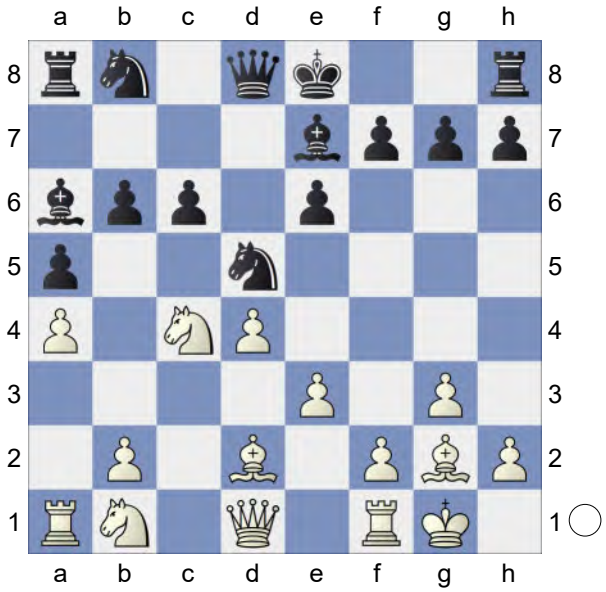


24.Nxe6+! Double Attack **24...Kh8** **25.Qe5+ f6** **26.Qf4** White threatens Qg4! and mate. **26...Qe8** 36.14/21
[⌓26...Qc6 5.19/24 27.f3 Kxh7 *(27...Qxe6?* too greedy. *28.Qxh6 Qf7 29.Be4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8 30.Bxb7+-)* 28.Qf5+ Kh8]
27.Qxh6 Qf7 Repels Qg7+ **28.Bg6+ Kg8 29.Qh5 Be4 30.Bxf7+ Rxf7 31.Qg4+ Kh7 32.Qxe4+ f5 33.Qxa8 Bf6 34.Qxb8** White mates. **34...a5**

35.Qe8 Kg6 36.Rd7 Be7 37.Rxe7 Kf6 38.Qxf7+ Ke5 39.Nf4+ Kd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.70
40.Qc4#
1-0

41 **E04**
☐ **R4033** **3084**
■ **expositor** **2822**
Rapid 17.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c6 6.Ne5 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Be7 8.e3 a5N
[8...b5 9.Nxc6 *(9.a4 b4 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Rc1 a5 13.Be1 Qc7 14.Qxc4 c5 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.dxc5 Rc8 17.Qb5 Qc7 18.Nd3 Nbd7 19.Nd2 Rab8 20.Qc4 Nxc5 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.Qxc5 Bxc5 23.Nc4 Nd7* 1-0 (43) Duda,J (2731)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2678) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2022 (5.3)*; 9.b3 cxb3 10.axb3 Bb7 11.Ba5 Qc8 12.0-0 c5 13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.dxc5 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.b4 h5 17.Nd2 h4 18.Qf3 Nd5 19.e4 Nf6 20.e5 Qxf3 21.Nxf3 Nd5 22.Rfd1 Rc8 23.Ra3 hxg3* 1-0 (43) Grankin,F (2655)-5.Ng5 e6 6.Bd3 Ngf6 (2600) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (6) *24.hxg3 Rh5 25.Kg2 a6 26.Rd4 Kd7 27.Rg4 g6 28.Re4 Kc6 29.Nd4+ Kb7 30.Rf3 Rh7 31.Ne2 Bd8 32.Bxd8 Rxd8 33.Rd4 a5 34.bxa5 Kc6 35.Nc3 Ra8 36.Nxd5 exd5 37.Rd1 Rh5 38.Rf6+ Kxc5* 1-0 (43) Grankin,F (2655)-5.♘g5 e6 6.♗d3 ♘gf6 469 (2600) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (6)*)* 9...Nxc6 10.Bxc6+ Bd7 11.Bxa8 Qxa8 12.f3 e5 13.0-0 exd4 14.exd4 0-0 15.Nc3 *(15.Re1 Re8 16.Bg5 Bc6 17.Nd2 Qd8 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rxe8+ Bxe8 20.Ne4 Qxd4+ 21.Kh1 Qxb2 22.Rb1 Qxa2 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.Ra1 Qf2 25.Qd5 c3 26.Qf5 c2 27.Rc1 b4 28.Qg4+ Kh8 29.Qf5 b3* 0-1 (34) Nguyen,K (2108)-Degardin,S (2294) Silves op 2025 (8) *)* 15...b4 16.Ne4 Nd5 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.Nc5 Bb5 19.Re1 Bf6 20.Be3 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 Qd5 22.Re4 Rd8 23.a4 1-0 (57) Otdelnov,K (2320)-Volkov,M (2284) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (6)]
9.a4 White is slightly better. **9...Nd5 10.Nxc4 b6 11.0-0 Ba6**



12.Qb3 0-0 13.Rd1 Nd7 14.e4 Nb4 15.Bf4 Nf6 16.Nba3 Rc8 17.Rd2 b5 0.94/18
[17...Nh5± 0.55/19 feels stronger.]
18.Ne5± Nd7 1.53/20
[18...Qb6± 0.69/17]

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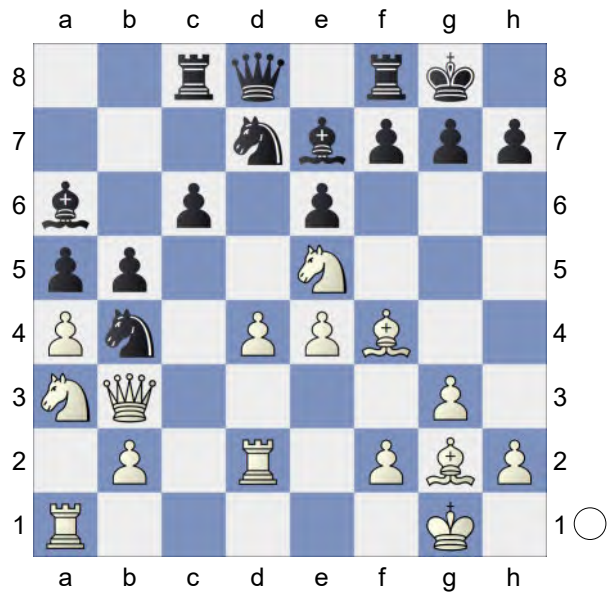

19.axb5! White has more active pieces.
19...cxb5 Threatens to win with ...a4.
20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.d5 exd5 1.61/21
[21...a4± 1.17/18 22.Qd1 exd5]
22.exd5+- Bc5 1.68/17
[22...Bd6± 1.10/19]
23.Qd1 h6 24.Qh5 1.10/17
[White should try 24.d6 1.58/19]
24...Bb7 1.83/19
[24...Qa7± 1.10/17]
25.Rad1 Loses the game. **25...a4** 2.79/17
[25...Na6± 1.32/18 was worth a try. 26.Bh3 f5]
26.Bf1 Ba6 3.46/19
[⌓26...Qd8 2.28/19 27.Bh3 *(27.Nxb5 g5+-; 27.Bxb5 Qb6±)* 27...Qa5]
27.d6 f5? 4.53/19
[27...Bb7 2.56/19 28.Qh3 *(28.Nxb5? Qc6-+; 28.Bxb5 Qe6±)* 28...Bc6 29.Qxd7 Bxd7 30.Bxb5 *(30.Nxb5 f6+-)* 30...Rfd8]
28.Re1 Rf7 Wards off Re7 **29.Re5 Ba7 30.Bxb5 Bxb5 31.Nxb5**
[31.Rxb5 Nc2+-]
31...Bb6

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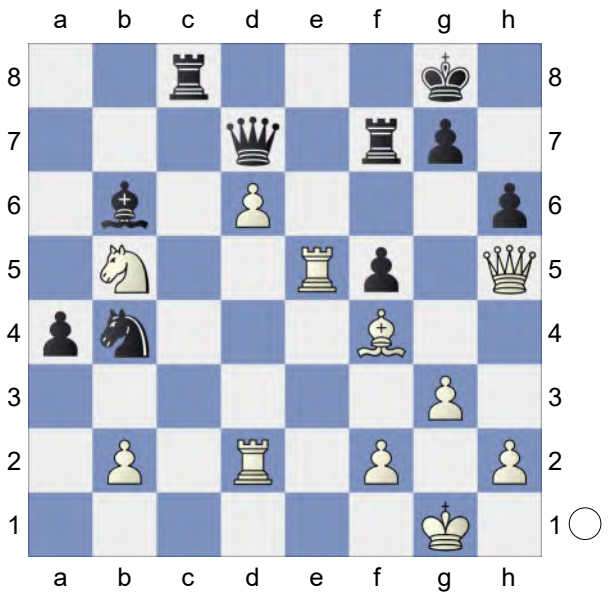

32.Nc7! Nc6 33.Rb5 Rb8 34.h4 Na7 35.Rbd5 Nc6 36.Qe2 Ba5 37.Rc2 Bb6 38.Qc4 Wards off Nb4 **38...Nb4** 7.98/18
[⌓38...Na5 4.85/17]
39.Re5 Threatens to win with Re7.
[39.Qxb4? Bxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Rxb4-+]
39...Qxd6 40.Re8+ Discovered Attack
[Not 40.Rxf5 Qg6 41.Nd5 *(41.Qxb4?* is the wrong capture. *Bxf2+* Discovered Attack *42.Rxf2 Rxb4-+)* 41...Re8 *(41...Qxf5? 42.Ne7+ Kh7 43.Nxf5+-)* 42.Rxf7 *(42.Qxb4 Qxf5 43.Qc4 Ba7∓)* 42...Qxc2 43.Qxc2 *(43.Nxb6 Qxc4 44.Nxc4 Re1+ 45.Kh2 Kxf7±)* 43...Nxc2±]
40...Rxe8 41.Bxd6 Re4 42.Qc3
[And not 42.Bxb4 Rxc4 43.Rxc4 Rxc7=]
42...Nxc2 43.Qxc2 Rf6 44.Bf4 Bxc7 45.Qxc7 Rf7 46.Qa5 Kh7 47.Kg2 Kg8 48.Be5 Kh7 49.Qd5 Re7 50.Bc3 Kg6

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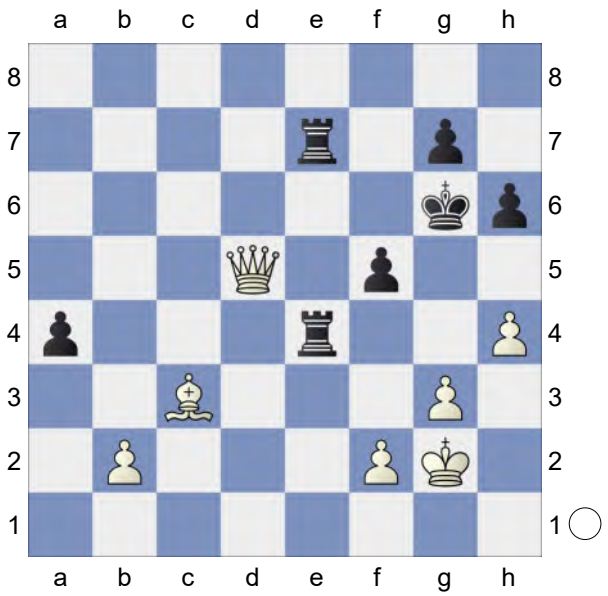


51.h5+! Kh7 52.Qxf5+ Kg8 53.Qd5+ Kh8 54.Kh3 Kh7 55.f4 R4e6 56.f5 Rb6 57.Qd3 Rf6 58.Bxf6 gxf6 Endgame KQ-KR **59.Qd8 Rf7 60.Qe8 Kg7 61.Kg4 Rc7 62.Qg6+ Kf8 63.Qxf6+ Ke8 64.Qxh6 Rc4+ 65.Kh3** White threatens Qe6+ and mate. **65...Rc2 66.Qe6+ Kd8 67.f6 Kc7 68.f7 Rf2 69.Qc4+ Kb7 70.Qb5+ Ka8 71.Qa6+ Kb8 72.Qb6+ Kc8 73.Qxf2** White mates. **73...Kc7 74.Qc5+ Kb7 75.f8Q a3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.52

76.Qfc8#

1-0

40 **E00**

□ **ArasanX** **3084**

■ **Weiawaga** **2821**

Rapid 04.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+5sec E01: Catalan: Early deviations

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Qd7 0.48/18

[Black should try 5...Nbd7= -0.05/18]

6.Qxc4± Qc6 7.Nbd2 Qd5N 0.89/15

[7...Qxc4± 0.45/18 deserves consideration. 8.Nxc4

A) 8...Bb4+ 9.Bd2 *(9.Nfd2 Nc6 10.e3 Ne4 11.Bg2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Ne7 14.Rhc1 Rb8 15.b4 b6 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Bxb7 Rxb7 18.b5 f6 19.Nd3 Kd7 20.Nb4 Rc8 21.Nc6 Ke8 22.Nb4 Kd7 23.Nc6 Ke8* ½-½ Najdorf,M (2465)-Paglilla,C (2315) Buenos Aires VI Konex-Canon it 1988 (1)*)* 9...Bxd2+ 10.Nfxd2 Nc6 11.e3 Nb4 12.Ke2 Bd7 13.Bg2 Bc6 14.f3 Nd7 15.a3 Nd5 16.e4 N5b6 17.Na5 Bb5+ 18.Ke3 0-0-0 19.Rhc1 Nb8 20.b3 Bd7 21.Bf1 Nc6 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.a4 1-0 (62) Garcia Ilundain,D-6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bf1 8.Kf1 W-ch M232 corr 1985 Be8 24.a5 Na8 25.a6 b6 26.b4 Kb8 27.Rc3 c6 28.Rac1 f6 29.Nb1 Bd7 30.Na3 Nc7 31.b5 Nxb5 32.Bxb5 cxb5 33.Rc7 Rc8 34.Rb7+ Ka8 35.Rxd7 Rxc1 36.Nxb5 Rhc8 37.Rxg7 h6 38.Rxa7+ 1-0 (60) Cifuentes,R-4. Nf3 Bb7 5.a4 Qa5 (zt) 72/317 Dresden 1998 Kb8 39.Rb7+ Ka8 40.g4 e5 41.d5 R1c5 42.Ra7+ Kb8 43.Rb7+ Ka8 44.Rxb6 Rb8 45.Rxb8+ Kxb8 46.a7+ Kb7 47.Nd6+ Kxa7 48.Ne8 Kb6 49.Nxf6 Rc3+ 50.Kf2 Rc7 51.h4 Rf7 52.Nh5 Kc7 53.g5 1-0 (60) Cifuentes,R-4. ♘f3 ♗b7 5.a4 ♕a5 4567 (zt) 72/317 Dresden 1998;

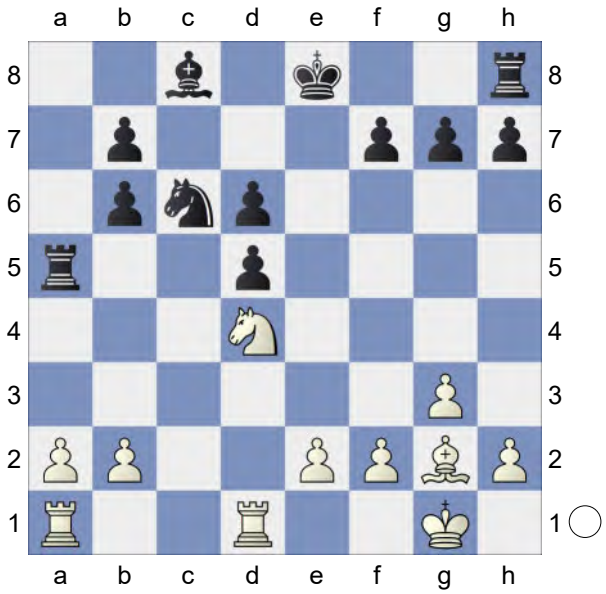
B) 8...c5 9.Bg2 Nc6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.a3 Bd7 13.Nfe5 Rac8 14.Bg5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Ba4 16.Rac1 b6 17.Bf3

h6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nd3 Bd6 20.Bb7 Rc2 21.Rxc2 Bxc2 22.Rc1 Bxd3 23.exd3 ½-½ (52) Diehl,K (2110)-Bauer,W (1887) GER-chT Seniors 10th 84382 2001 (1.3);
C) 8...Nc6]

8.Bg2± White is better.
[8.Qxc7?! Nc6 9.Qf4 Bd6=]

8...Qxc4 9.Nxc4 Nd5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Rd1 Nb6 12.Nxb6 0.72/17
[⌓12.b3 1.08/17]

12...axb6 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Bxd6 cxd6 15.d5 exd5 16.Nd4 Ra5



17.a3! Nxd4 1.30/19
[⌓17...Rc5 0.91/17]

18.Rxd4 Be6 19.b4 Prevents Rc5. Deflection **19...Ra8 20.Bxd5** White is more active. **20...Bxd5 21.Rxd5** Endgame KRR-KRR **21...Ke7 22.Rd3 Rhd8 23.Rad1 d5 24.Kg2** A mistake that costs the game. **24...g6** 2.23/22
[24...f6± 0.98/19 might work better.]

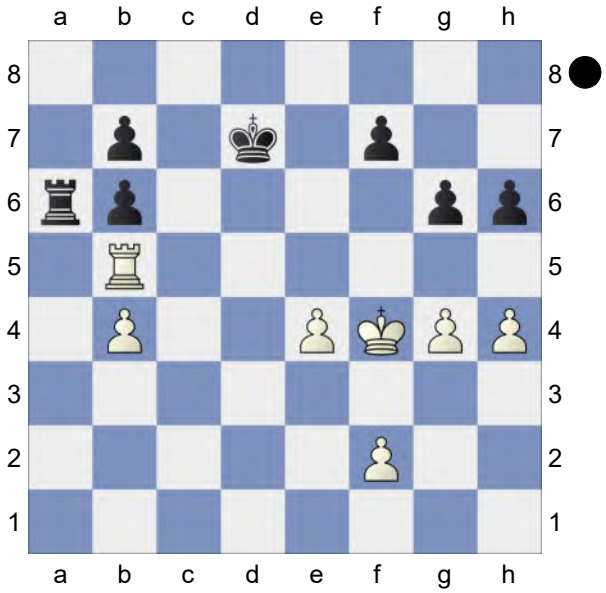
25.g4+-
[25.Rxd5 Rxd5 26.Rxd5 Rxa3±]

25...Rd7 3.58/19
[25...Ke6 1.63/20 26.g5 Rd7]

26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Rxd5 Rxa3 KR-KR

28.Rb5 Ra2 29.e4
[Less strong is 29.Rxb6 Rxe2 30.g5 *(30.Rxb7+ Kf6±)* 30...Rb2±]

29...Ra6 30.h4 Kd7 31.Kf3 h6 32.Kf4



Black must now prevent Ke5. **32...Ke6 33.f3 f6 34.g5 fxg5+ 35.hxg5 h5 36.Re5+ Kd7 37.Rd5+ Ke6 38.Rd8** Wards off Ra8 **38...b5 39.Rh8 Ra4 40.Rh7 Rxb4 41.Rg7 Rb2 42.Rxg6+ Kd7 43.Kf5 b4 44.e5 Kc7 45.Rg7+ Kb6 46.e6 b3 47.Rd7**
[47.f4 Ra2 48.e7 Ra5+ 49.Kf6 Ra8±]

47...Rc2 48.Rd1 b2 49.Rb1
[Not 49.f4? Rc1 50.Rd6+ Kc5-+]

49...Kc7 50.g6 Rg2 51.e7 Re2 52.g7 Kd6 53.g8Q Re5+ 54.Kf6 Re1 55.Rxe1 Qc8 would kill now. **55...b1N 56.e8Q** 36.09/9
[⌓56.Rc1 #3/8 Nc3 57.Rxc3 h4 58.Qe6#]

56...Kc5 57.Qe5+ White mates. **57...Kb4 58.Rxb1+ Ka3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.73

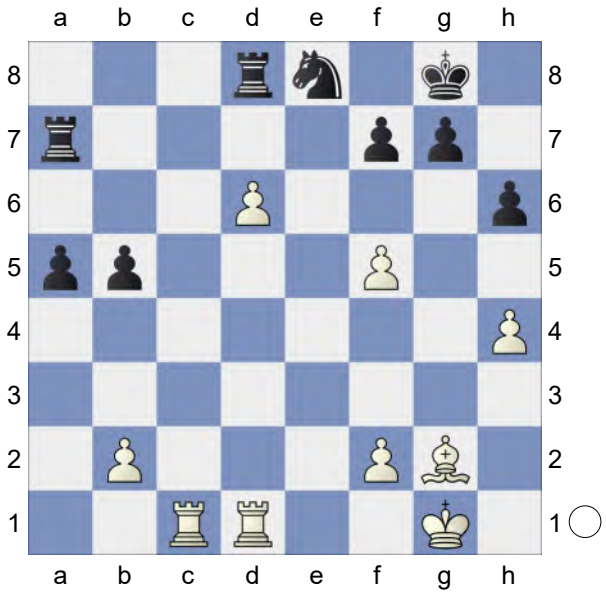
59.Qa1#

1-0

42 **E04**
□ **RipSockeye** **3083**
■ **admonitor** **2895**
Rapid 17.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

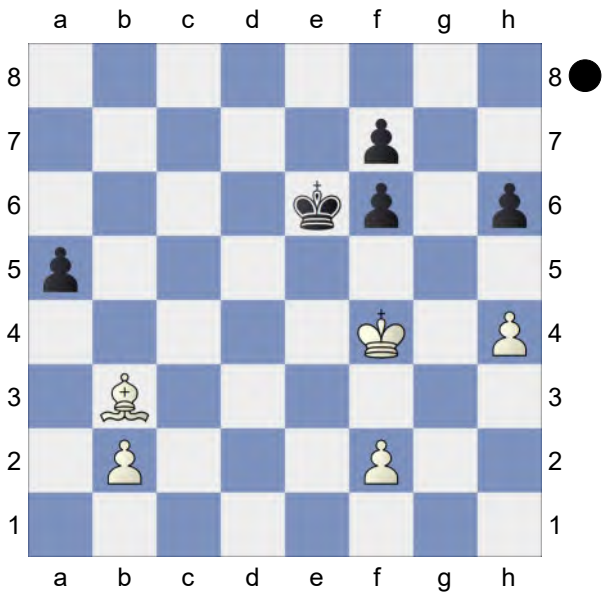
Blitz 12min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 c5 7.Bxb4 cxb4 8.Ne5 Prevents Nc6. **8...0-0** White has an edge. **9.a3 Nd5 10.Nxc4 b5 11.Ne3 Bb7 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.e4 Bb7 14.0-0!**
[14.axb4 Nc6 15.d5 exd5∓ *(15...Nxb4 16.Nc3∓)*]
14...bxa3 15.Nxa3 Qb6N
[15...a6 16.Nc2 Open Catalan,O-Bb4]
16.d5 a6 17.Nc2 Nd7 18.Ne3 Rfd8 19.Qd2 a5 20.Rfc1 h6 21.h4 Nf6 22.Rd1 Ra6 23.Rac1 Raa8 24.g4 Ne8 25.Qd3 White is more active. **25...exd5 26.exd5 Qf6 27.Nf5** d6 would now be deadly. Black cannot hold the game after this. **27...Bc8?** 4.36/24
[Black should play 27...Nd6!± 0.53/16]
28.d6+-
[28.Qxb5 Bxf5 29.gxf5 Nd6∓ *(29...Qxh4 30.d6=; 29...Qxf5 30.Qd3=)*]
28...Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qxf5 30.gxf5 Ra7

(Diagram)



31.d7! Deflection **31...Raxd7**
[31...Rdxd7? loses. 32.Rxd7 Rxd7 33.Rc8+-]
32.Rxd7 Rxd7 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **33.Rc8 Rd1+** 5.38/24
[⌓33...Kf8 3.73/21]
34.Kh2 Kf8 aiming for ...Ke7. **35.Bc6 Re1 36.f6!**
[Don't go for 36.Rxe8+? Rxe8 37.Bxb5 Rb8-+]
36...gxf6 37.Bxb5 Re6 38.Kg3 Re5 39.Rxe8+ Rxe8 40.Bxe8 KB-KP **40...Ke7 41.Ba4 Kd6 42.Kf4 Ke6 43.Bb3+**

(Diagram)



Skewer, Deflection **43...Kd7 44.Kf5 Kd8 45.Kxf6 Kc7 46.Bxf7** KB-KPP **46...Kb7 47.f4** 34.02/28

[⌓47.Kg6 #18/35 a4 48.Kxh6 Kc6 49.h5 Kc5 50.Kg6 a3 51.bxa3 Kd4 52.h6]

47...h5 48.f5 Kc6 49.Ke5 Threatening mate with f6!. **49...Kc5 50.Bd5 Kb6 51.f6 Kc7 52.f7 a4 53.f8Q a3 54.bxa3** 11.61/5

[⌓54.Qe7+ #4/10 Kb6 55.Qb7+ *(55.bxa3 Kb5 56.Qb4+ Ka6 57.Ke6 Ka7 58.Qb7#)* 55...Ka5 56.bxa3 Ka4 57.Qb4#]

54...Kb6 55.Qb8+ White mates. **55...Ka5 56.Qb7 Ka4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.75

57.Qb4#

1-0

43 **E04**

□ **ArasanX** **3081**

■ **odonata-bot** **2859**

Rapid 30.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3

In the current game we are faced to a long forced line of the Catalan starting with 7...Nd5 and 9.0-0 that leads to an endgame which is in my opinion quite unpleasant for Black. White could have improved by playing 23. Nd4! with a slightly better position. Instead, he gave Black the opportunity to exchange one pair of rooks, after what the position gets close to a draw. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8! 10.Na3 0-0 11.Qb5**

[11.Nxc4? b5 12.Qd1 bxc4-+]

11...b6 12.Qxc4 White is slightly better. **12...Ba6 13.Nb5 Qd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.a4 Na5 16.Ne5 Rbd8 17.Nxa7 Nb4 18.Rac1! Bxe2N** 0.81/23

[18...Rxd4± 0.31/23 19.Rxc7 *(19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.axb5 f6 21.e3 Rdd8 22.Nf3 Rf7 23.Bh3 Re7 24.Rc3 Kf7 25.Ra1 Rd3 26.Bf1 Rxc3 27.bxc3 Nd5 28.c4 Nc3 29.c5 Rd7 30.Nd4 Ne4 31.cxb6 cxb6 32.Rc1 Nc5 33.f4 Ke7* ½-½ (45) Hantel,T (2800)-Osnos,V (2758) ICCA/EM/F01 ICCA Email 1999 (1) *34.Nc6+ Nxc6 35.bxc6 Ra7 36.Rd1 Rc7 37.Bg2 e5 38.fxe5 fxe5 39.Rb1 e4 40.Rxb6 Kd6 41.Rb4 Kd5 42.Rd4+ Ke5 43.Rc4 Kd5 44.Rd4+ Ke5 45.Rc4 Kd5* ½-½ Kramnik,V (2800)-Nakamura,H (2758) 3rd London Chess Classic 2011 (1) *)*

A) 19...Bxe2 20.Rfc1 f6 21.Nec6

Naxc6 22.Nxc6 Nxc6 23.R7xc6 Rfd8 24.h3 *(24.h4 R8d6 25.Rxd6 Rxd6 26.b4 Rd4 27.Re1 Bc4 28.a5 bxa5 29.bxa5 Kf7 30.Rc1 Bd5 31.Ra1 Bxg2 32.Kxg2 Rd7 33.Kf3 Ke7 34.Ke4 h5 35.Kf4 Ra7 36.a6 Kd6 37.g4 g6 38.gxh5 gxh5* ½-½ (50) Evdokimov,A-Harutyunian,T 19 Moscow 2016*)* 24...R8d6 25.Rxd6 Rxd6 26.Rc6 Rxc6 27.Bxc6 e5 28.f4 exf4 29.gxf4 Kf7 30.Kf2 Bc4 31.b4 g5 32.fxg5 fxg5 33.h4 gxh4 34.a5 ½-½ Anand,V (2800)-Kramnik,V (2780) Grand Slam Final 3rd 2010 (3) b5;

B) 19...Rd2]

19.Rfe1± Ba6 20.Rxc7 Rxd4 21.h4 White is much more active. **21...Rd2** 1.02/21

[21...Rfd8!± 0.49/24]

22.Nb5! Rxb2 1.10/27

[22...h6± 0.69/24 feels stronger.]

23.Nd7 0.34/22

[23.Rd1± 1.10/27]

23...Rc8!±

[23...Nd3? 24.Rd1 Nxf2 25.Rf1+-]

24.Ra7

[24.Nxb6 Rxc7 25.Nxc7 Be2∓]

24...Bxb5 25.axb5 Nc4 26.Rc1 Rc2

[26...Nd3? 27.Rxc4 Re8 *(27...Rb1+? 28.Kh2+-)* 28.Be4 *(28.Nxb6 Ne5+-)* 28...Nxf2 29.Bc2+- *(29.Nxb6 Nxe4 30.Rxe4 Rxb5±; 29.Rc2 Rb4+-)*]

27.Rxc2 Nxc2 Excellent horsemanship.

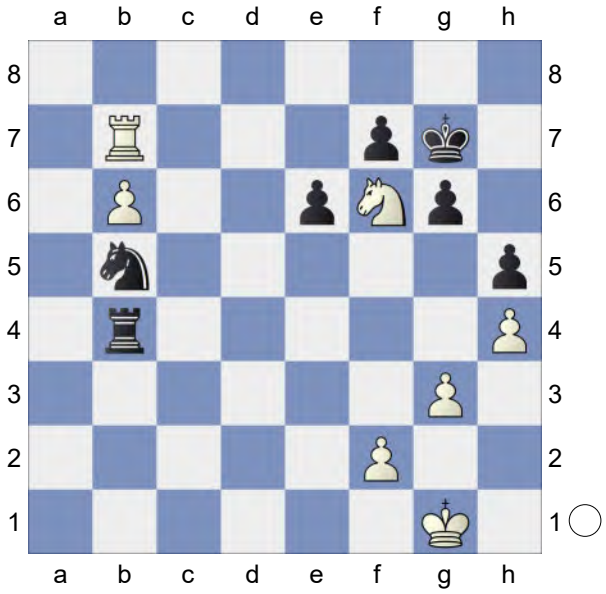
28.Bf1 h5

[Reject 28...N2a3?! 29.Ra6± *(29.Nxb6 Nxb6 30.Rxa3 g6±)*]

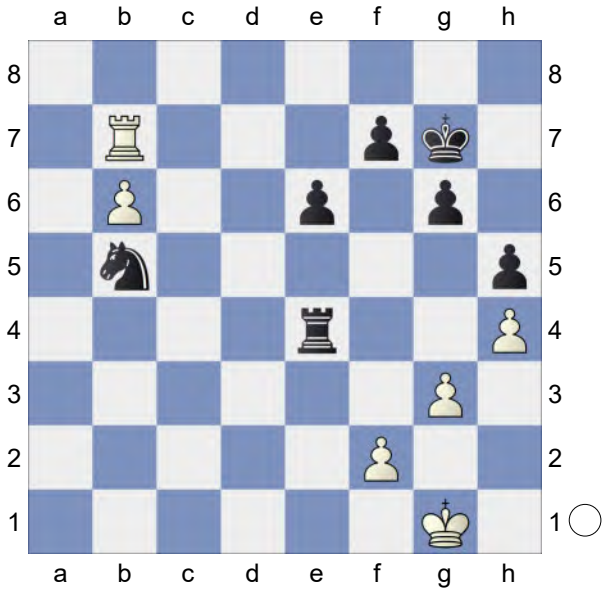
29.Rb7 Nd4 30.Bxc4 Rxc4 31.Rxb6 Endgame KRN-KRN

[31.Nxb6 Rc1+ 32.Kg2 Rc5∓ *(32...Nxb5 33.Nc4∓)*]

31...g6 32.Rb7 Rb4! 33.b6! Nb5 Prevents Rc7. **34.Nf6+ Kg7**



35.Ne4 Rxe4



36.Rxf7+! Kxf7 37.b7! Nd6 0.93/24

[37...Re1+ 38.Kg2 Nd6 *(38...Rg1+? 39.Kxg1 Nd6 40.b8Q+-)* 39.b8Q *(39.b8B? Rd1-+)*]

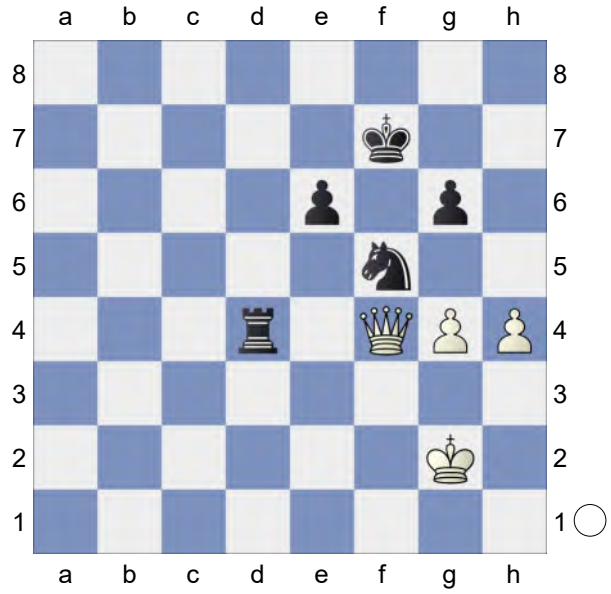
[37...Rd4± 0.57/25 38.b8Q *(38.b8B? Rd1+ 39.Kh2 Nd6-+)* 38...Rd5]

38.b8Q± KQ-KRN

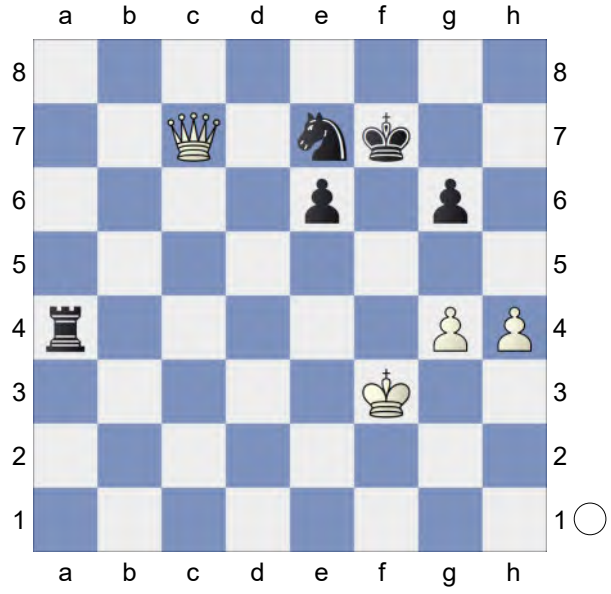
[38.b8B? too greedy. Ke7 39.Ba7 Nf5-+]

38...Re1+ 39.Kg2 Nf5 40.Qc7+ Ne7

41.f3 Rd1 42.Qf4+ Nf5 43.g4 hxg4 1.37/31
[⌓43...Rd4 0.87/26 44.Qc7+ Ne7]
44.fxg4 Pin **44...Rd4**



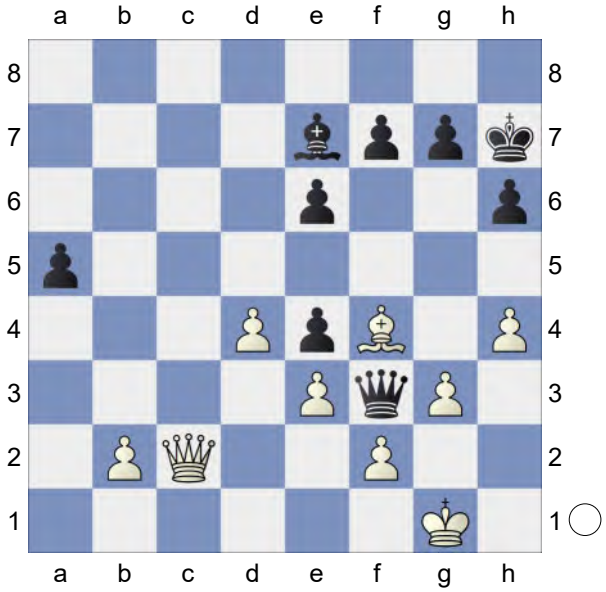
45.Qc7+ Ne7 46.Kf3 Ra4 1.57/24
[⌓46...Rb4 1.18/27 47.Qd7 Kf6]



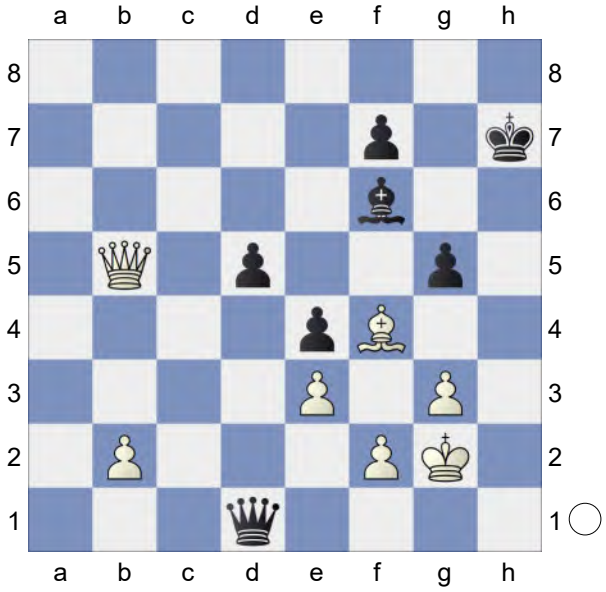
47.Kg3 0.56/26
[47.Qd6!± 1.57/24]
47...Ra3+!± 48.Kf4 Rd3 1.90/25
[48...Ra4+!± 0.70/26 49.Kg5 Rd4]
49.Qa7 Rd5 50.Ke4 Rb5 51.Qf2+ Ke8? 3.37/23
[51...Kg7 1.73/26 52.Qd4+ Kf7 53.Qf2+ Kg7]
52.Qf6+- Rb4+ 53.Kf3 h5! is the strong threat. **53...Kd7?** 6.30/24
[53...Rb1 3.71/25 54.Qxe6 Rb5]
54.h5 gxh5 55.gxh5 Rb5 and ...Rf5+ should not be overlooked **56.Kg4 Rb4+** 7.02/26
[⌓56...Rf5 4.22/23 57.Qd4+ Ke8]
57.Kh3 Rb3+ 58.Kh2 Nf5 Against Qd4+ **59.h6 Nxh6 60.Qd4+ Ke7 61.Qh4+ Kf7 62.Qxh6** KQ-KR **62...Rb2+ 63.Kg3 Rb3+ 64.Kf2 Rb5 65.Qh7+ Ke8 66.Kg3 Rg5+ 67.Kh3 Rf5 68.Kh4 Kd8 69.Qg7 Ke8 70.Kg3 Rd5 71.Qf6 Kd7 72.Qf7+ Kd6 73.Kg4 Rf5** 8.01/23
[⌓73...Ra5 5.05/20 74.Qe8 Rf5 75.Qd8+ Kc6]
74.Qe8 Ke5 75.Qe7 Kd5 7.99/24
[⌓75...Rf4+ 4.48/21 76.Kg5 Rf5+ 77.Kg6 Rf4 78.Qc7+ Ke4]
76.Qc7 Ke4 77.Qd6 Re5 78.Qc6+ Kd4 79.Qa4+ Kd5 (-> ...Re4+) **80.Qd7+ Ke4 81.Qd6 Rd5 82.Qxe6+ Kd4 83.Kf4 Kc5 84.Qf6 Rd7 85.Ke4 Rd6 86.Qc3+ Kb5 87.Qb3+ Kc6 88.Qa3 Kd7 89.Ke5 Re6+ 90.Kd5** Intending Qa7+ and mate. **90...Rf6 91.Qh3+ Ke7 92.Qh7+ Kf8 93.Ke5 Rb6 94.Qd7 Rg6 95.Qd8+ Kf7 96.Kf5 Rg7 97.Qh8 Rg1 98.Qf6+ Kg8 99.Qd4 Rg7 100.Kf6 Kh7 101.Qh4+ Kg8 102.Qh5** Prevents Rf7+. White mates. **102...Kf8 103.Qh6 Ke8 104.Qxg7 Kd8 105.Qb7 Ke8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.31
106.Qc8#
1-0

44 **E08**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3080**
■ **PlayOnPhoneOnly** **3000**
Blitz 19.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.Bf4 b6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Qd1 Rc8 13.Nc3 Ne4 0.48/20
[13...a6= 0.08/18]
14.Qb3 0.01/18
[14.Nxe4± 0.48/20 dxe4 15.Rxc8 Qxc8 16.Rc1]
14...Nxc3 15.Rxc3 Rxc3 16.Qxc3 Qa8 17.Bf1N Rc8 18.Qd3 Nf6 19.e3 Ne4 20.h4 Bc6 21.Qd1 a5 22.Ng5 h6 23.Nxe4 dxe4 24.a4 Qb7 25.Kg2 Bd5 26.Bb5 Bc6 27.Bc4 b5 28.Bxb5 Bxb5 29.axb5 Qxb5 30.Rc1 Rxc1 31.Qxc1= Endgame KQB-KQB
31...Qh5 32.Qc2 Qf3+ 33.Kg1 Kh7

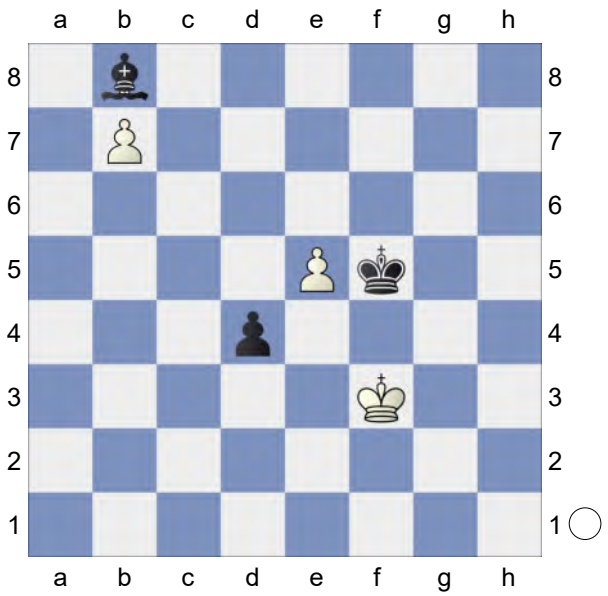


34.d5! exd5 35.Qd2
[35.Qc7 Bf6 36.Qxf7 Qd1+ 37.Kg2]
35...Qh5 36.Qxa5 Qd1+ 37.Kg2 Bf6 38.Qb5 Qf3+
[38...g5 39.Qe8 gxf4 40.Qxf7+ Bg7]
39.Kg1 Qd1+
[39...g5 keeps more tension. 40.Qxd5 gxf4 41.Qxf7+ Bg7]
40.Kg2 g5 41.hxg5 hxg5

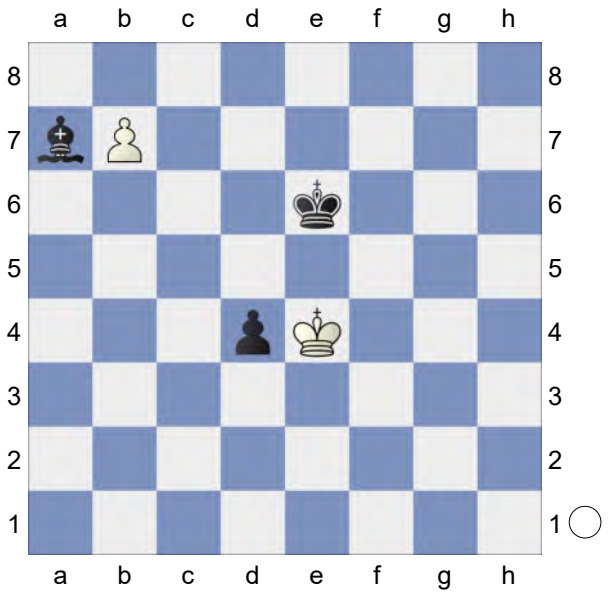


42.Qe8! Qf3+
[42...gxf4 43.Qxf7+]
43.Kg1 Qd1+ 44.Kg2 gxf4 45.Qxf7+ Bg7 46.Qf5+ Kg8 47.Qe6+ Kf8 48.Qd6+ Kf7 49.Qxf4+ Bf6 50.b4 Qh5 51.b5 Ke6 52.b6 Be5 53.Qf8 Qh8 54.Qxh8 Bxh8 KB-KP **55.b7 Be5** Strongly threatening ...Kd7. **56.Kh3! Kf5 57.Kh4 Kg6 58.g4 Bh2**
[58...Bd6!?]
59.g5 Bd6
[59...Be5!?]
60.Kg4 Bb8 61.f4 exf3
[61...Bc7!?]
62.Kxf3 Kxg5 KB-KPP **63.e4 d4** (-> ...Kf6) **64.e5! Kf5**

(Diagram)



65.e6! Deflection **65...Kxe6** (-> ...Kd5) **66.Ke4 Ba7** 0.32/35
[66...Be5= -0.18/30]

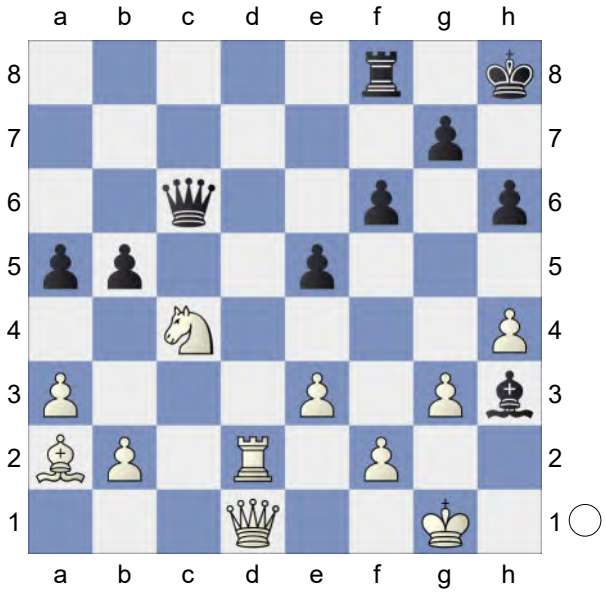


67.b8Q!± Deflection **67...Bxb8**
A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
68.Kxd4
½-½

45 **E04**
□ **ArasanX** **3078**
■ **Weiawaga** **2816**
Rapid 05.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

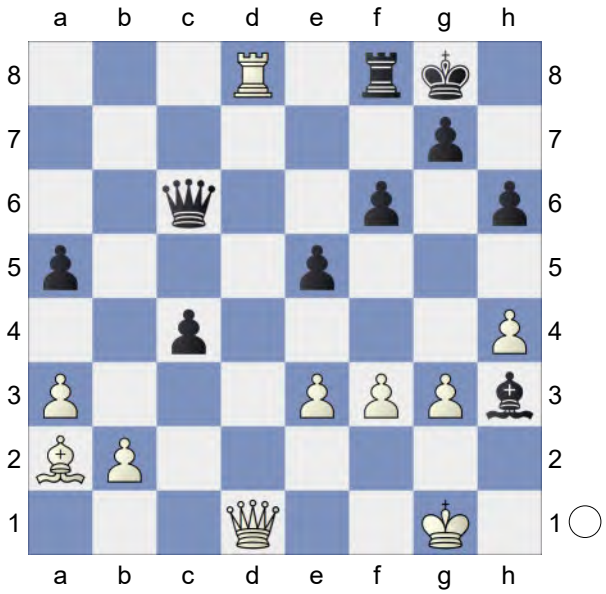
Blitz 5min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5! 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.Nc3 Bd7 10.0-0! White has compensation. White has an edge. **10...a5!** and ...Nxd4! would now be decisive **11.Qd1 0-0 12.e3 Nd5N**
[12...a4 13.Nxa4 *(13.Qe2 Na5 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Bxd5 Bh3 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Bxf7+ Kh8 19.Rxf1 Nc6 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Qh5 Rb8 22.Bxc4 Rxb2 23.Bd3 g6 24.Bxg6 Qe7 25.Bb1 Qf7 26.Qc5 Rxf2 27.Qe5+ Rf6* 0-1 (72) Aronian,L (2805)-Carlsen,M (2877) 2nd Sinquefield Cup 2014 (5)*)* 13...Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bxa4 *(14...Rxa4 15.Qxc4 Qf6 16.Nd4 Nd5 17.Qc2 b6 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.Qxc6 Ra5 20.Qc2 Rb5 21.Rab1 Rc5 22.Qb3 h5 23.Rfd1 h4 24.Rbc1 Qe5 25.Rxc5* 1-0 Hasselmeyer,A (2494)-Anderson, W (2461) corr WS/GMN/023 2010*)* 15.Qxc4 Qe7 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.a3 Nd5 18.Nd2 Nb6 19.Qc3 c5 20.b3 Be8 21.e4 e5 22.Bf1 f6 23.a4 Bf7 24.a5 Nd7 25.b4 Nf8 26.b5 Ne6 27.Nc4 1-0 (35) Rodshtein,M (2691)-Harutyunian,T (2422) 15th ch-EUR Indiv 2014 (1.20)]
13.Nd2 Dodges a4 **13...Nb6 14.Qe2! e5 15.d5 Na7 16.Nxc4 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Nc8 18.Ne4** White is more active. **18...b6 19.d6 Ra7**
[19...cxd6?! 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Bxa8±]
20.dxc7! Rxc7 21.Qe2 Qe7 22.Rfd1

Be6 23.Qh5 f6 24.Nc3 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Rd1 Qc7 27.Rd2 h6 28.Qd1 Kh8 29.a3 Qc5 1.61/20
[29...Ne7± 0.96/20]
30.Bd5+- Bh3 31.Qh5↑ White is really pushing. **31...Bd7 32.Ba2! Qc7** 1.95/22
[32...Bc6± 1.01/20]
33.h4 b5 1.90/20
[33...Be8± 1.32/20 34.Qf5 Nd6]
34.Qd1 Nb6 35.Ne4! Qc6 36.Nd6 1.09/16
[Better is 36.Bb1+- 1.96/18]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
36...Nc4? 4.87/24
[36...Bh3± 1.09/16 is tougher. 37.e4 Kh7]
37.Nxc4 Bh3



38.f3! bxc4 39.Rd8 Kg8 5.05/21
[39...Rxd8 3.26/21 40.Qxd8+ Kh7 41.Bb1+ f5]

(Diagram)



40.g4! f5 41.Bb1 Rxd8 42.Qxd8+ Endgame KQB-KQB **42...Kf7 43.Kf2 Qb7?** 5.62/21
[43...fxg4 3.43/19 was called for. 44.Be4 *(44.Qxa5? Qxf3+ 45.Ke1 Qh1+ 46.Kd2 Qxb1-+)* 44...g3+ 45.Kxg3 Qd7 46.Bd5+ *(46.Qxa5 Be6+-)* 46...Kg6 47.Be4+ *(47.Qxa5 Be6+-)* 47...Kf7]
44.b3 Qe7 6.11/24
[⌓44...fxg4 4.00/19 45.Be4 *(45.Qxa5? Qxf3+ 46.Ke1 Qf1+ 47.Kd2 Qxb1-+)* 45...g3+ 46.Kxg3 Qd7 47.Bd5+ *(47.Qxa5 cxb3 48.Qxe5 Be6±)* 47...Kg6 48.Qb6+ *(48.Qxa5 cxb3 49.Qb6+ Kh7+-)* 48...Kh7]
45.Qd5+
[45.Qxa5 Qxh4+ 46.Ke2 fxg4 47.Qd5+ *(47.bxc4? gxf3+ 48.Kd1 Qxc4-+)* 47...Kf8=]
45...Kf8 46.Bxf5
[46.bxc4 Qxh4+ 47.Ke2 fxg4=]
[46.Qa8+ Kf7+-]
46...Qxh4+ 47.Ke2 Bg6 would now be deadly. **47...cxb3 48.Qa8+**
[48.Qxa5 Qe7 49.Bd3 *(49.Qa8+ Qe8±)* 49...b2±]

[48.Qxb3 Qf6 49.Qb8+ Kf7 50.Qc7+ Kg8 51.Qc4+ *(51.Qxa5 g6+-)* 51...Kf8 52.Qc8+ Kf7 53.Qc4+ Kf8 54.Qc5+ Kg8 55.Qd5+ *(55.Qxa5 g6+-)* 55...Kf8+-]

48...Kf7 49.Qb7+

[Weaker is 49.Qxa5 b2 50.Qd5+ *(50.Qxe5 Qf6±)* 50...Kf8±]

49...Qe7 50.Qxb3+ Ke8 51.Qg8+ Qf8 52.Qe6+ Qe7 53.Qc6+ Kf8 54.Bg6 Qd8 Wards off Qc8 **55.Qe6 Bf1+ 56.Ke1!**

[And not 56.Kxf1 Qd1+ 57.Kf2 Qd2+ 58.Kf1 Qd1+ 59.Kf2 Qd2+ 60.Kf1 Qd1+=]

56...Bc4 57.Qxc4 Ke7 58.Qf7+ Kd6 59.Qxg7 Qh4+ 60.Ke2 Qg3 61.Qf8+ White mates. **61...Kc6 62.Qc8+ Kd6 63.Qd8+ Ke6 64.Bf5+ Kf7 65.Qc7+ Kf8 66.Qd6+ Kf7 67.Be6+ Kf6 68.Bd5+ Kg7 69.Qe7+ Kh8 70.Qf8+ Kh7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.80

71.Be4#

1-0

47 **E11**

□ **Buletten-Karl** **3077**

■ **BitByByte** **2924**

Blitz 03.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E11: Bogo-Indian

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.Qc2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 0-0 White has an edge. **10.Rfd1 Nbd7 11.b3**

[11.e4 dxc4 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 h6 14.Qxc4 c5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Qc1 Nb4 17.Ne1 Bd5 18.a3 Nc6 19.Bc3 Rc8 20.Qe3 Ncxe5 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.Nc3 Nc4 23.Qe2 Nb6 24.a4 Bf6 25.a5 Bxc3 1-0 (65) Duda,J (2757)-Carlsen,M (2863) Norway Chess 8th 2020 (5) 26.bxc3 Nc4 27.Ra4 Nxa5 28.c4 Nxc4 29.Bxd5 exd5 30.Rxc4 Re8 31.Qf1 dxc4 32.Rxd8 Rcxd8 33.Nc2 c3 34.Qb5 Re4 35.Qxc5 Re2 36.Qxc3 Rd1+ 37.Kg2 Rdd2 38.Qc8+ Kh7 39.Qf5+ Kg8 40.Na3 Rxf2+ 0-1 (65) Duda,J (2726)-Artemiev,V (2697) AI Cup Div 2 W rapid 2023 (2.3)]

11...c5N

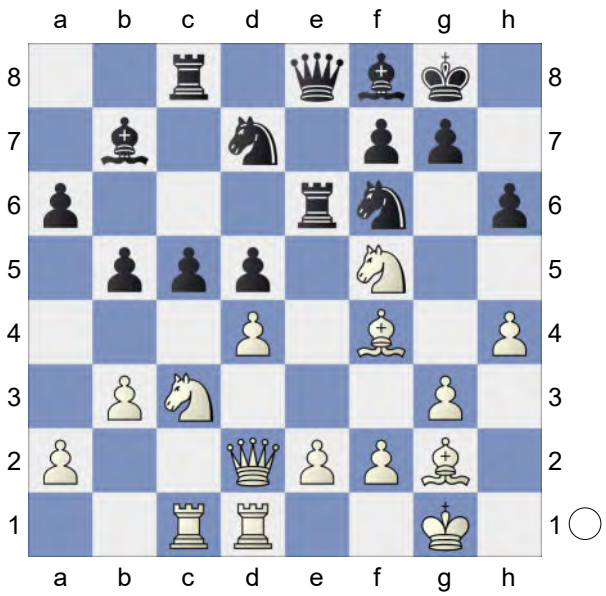
[11...Rc8 12.e4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qc2 c5 16.dxc5 Be4 17.Qb2 bxc5 18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qb6 20.f3 Rfd8 21.Bc3 Ne8 22.Qe2 Nd6 23.Rd3 Nf5 24.Rad1 f6 25.Rxd8+ Bxd8 26.Nd7 (37) Chapter E00-Games Chapter E00 Game 7 Qc6 27.Nxc5 Bb6 28.g4 Re8 29.gxf5 exf5 30.Qf1 Qxc5 31.b4 Qe3 32.Re1 Qg5+ 33.Kh1 Rd8 34.c5 Bc7 35.Qc4+ Kf8 36.Qe2 Qf4 37.Bxf6 1-0 5.♘f3 e6 6.♗e2 ♘e7_4685 (2609)-4. ♘c3 ♘d4_39213 (2643) (ol) 92/467 Calvia 2004]

12.cxd5 exd5 13.Rac1 Rc8 14.Bh3 h6 15.Be3 Bd6 0.42/17

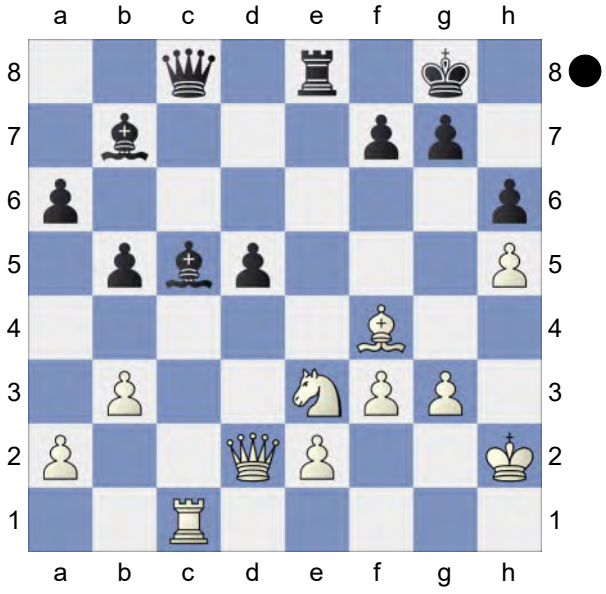
[15...Re8= 0.05/16 was preferable.]

16.Nh4± Re8 17.Nf5! Bf8 18.Qd2 Re6 19.Bg2 Qe8 20.Bf4 a6 21.h4 b5!

(Diagram)



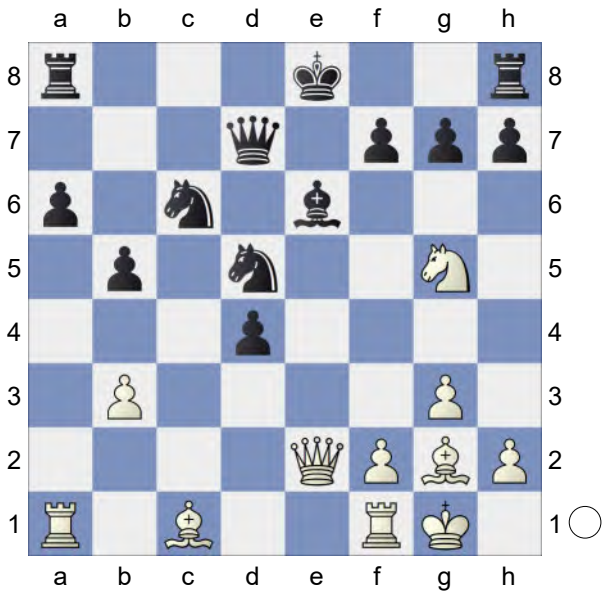
Hoping for ...b4. **22.dxc5 Nxc5 23.Ne3**
[23.Bxd5? Rd8 *(23...Nxd5 24.Nxd5 Rxe2 25.Qd4∓)* 24.Ne3 b4∓]
[23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd5 Rxe2∓]
23...Nce4 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Rxc8 Qxc8 26.Bxe4 Rxe4 27.f3 Re7 28.h5 Re8 29.Rc1 Bc5 30.Kh2



Qc6!
[Reject 30...d4 31.Ng2±]
31.Rc2 Rc8
[Don't blunder 31...Rxe3? 32.Bxe3 *(32.Rxc5? Rxe2+ 33.Qxe2 Qxc5-+)* 32...Bxe3 33.Rxc6+-]
32.Qd3 Qd7 33.Nf5 Bb4 34.g4 Rxc2 35.Qxc2 Bc8 36.Kg2 Qb7 37.Kf1 Bxf5 38.Qxf5= Endgame KQB-KQB
38...Qc6 39.Kg2 Be1 40.Qb1 Bh4 41.Qc1 Qe6 42.Qe3 Qc6 43.Kh3 Bf6
The position is equal. **44.Qd3 b4 45.Kg2 Bh4 46.Bg3 Bxg3 47.Kxg3** KQ-KQ **47...a5 48.Qf5 Qc7+ 49.Kg2 Qc6 50.Qd3 Qe6 51.Kh3 Qe5 52.Kg2 Qe6 53.Kh3 Qe5 54.Qb5 f5 55.Qd3 fxg4+ 56.fxg4 Kf7 57.e3 Kf6 58.Qa6+ Qe6 59.Qf1+ Ke7 60.Qf4 Qf6 61.Kg3 Ke6 62.Qd4 Qe5+ 63.Kg2 Qe4+ 64.Qxe4+ dxe4** KP-KP **65.Kg3**
[65.Kh3!?]
65...Ke5 66.Kh3 Kf6 67.Kh4
[67.Kh2!?]
67...Ke6! 68.Kg3
[68.g5!? Kf5□ 69.g6=]
68...Ke5 69.Kh3 Hoping for Kg3.
69...Ke6 70.Kh4
[70.Kg3!? Ke5□=]
70...Kf6! 71.Kh3 Ke6! 72.Kh2
[72.Kg3!? Ke5□=]
72...Kf6 73.Kg2
[73.Kh3!?]
73...Ke6! 74.Kh3
[74.Kg3!? Ke5□=]
74...Kf6! 75.Kh2
[75.Kh4!?]
75...Ke6!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
76.Kg3
½-½

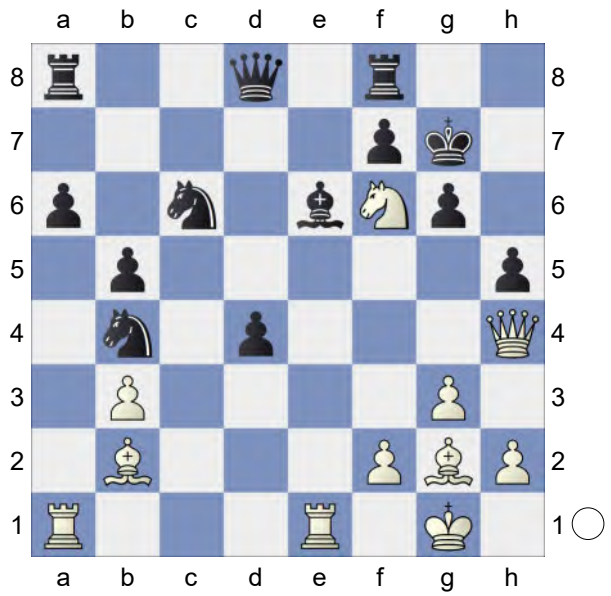
46 **E04**
□ **ToromBot** **3077**
■ **InanisBot** **2487**
Blitz 19.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e3 Bd7 8.Qe2 b5 9.b3 cxb3 10.axb3 Be7 11.Nc3N White is slightly better.
[11.Bd2 0-0 12.Rc1 Nd5 13.Nc3 *(13.Ne1 Ncb4 14.e4 Nb6 15.Nd3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Qb8 17.Ba5 Rc8 18.Nd2 Be8 19.Qe3 c6 20.Rc2 Qb7 21.Rac1 Rab8 22.Nf3 Nd7 23.h3 Ba3 24.Ra1 Be7 25.Rac1 Ba3 26.Ra1 Be7 27.b4 Nb6* ½-½ (47) Erdogdu,M (1988)-7. ♘c3 a6 8.e3 (1650) Deutschland 84/(121) 2001 (1) *)* 13...Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Ra7 15.Ne1 b4 16.Bb2 Nb8 17.Qg4 Chapter Open System-5...Nc6,6]
[11.Bb2 0-0 12.Rc1 Nb4 13.Ne5 Rb8 *(13...Nfd5 14.Nc3 c6 15.Ne4 f6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.h4 a5 18.Nd2 Ra7 19.e4 Nc7 20.h5 Rfa8 21.h6 g6 22.Qe3 Ra6 23.Nf3 a4 24.bxa4 Rxa4 25.Rab1 Ra2 26.Rd1 Qd8 27.Qc3 Qf8 28.d5* 1-0 (41) Nekula,R (2379)-Michaut,L (2347) 6th Asian Men's Championships 2007*)* 14.Nd2 Rb6 15.Ndf3 Bc8 16.Ne1 Nd7 17.N5d3 Nxd3 18.Nxd3 Bd6 19.e4 Bb7 20.Nc5 Bc8 21.Rc2 c6 22.Qe3 Be7 23.Nd3 Bb7 24.Qe1 b4 25.Qe3 Rb5 1-0 (43) Delmarko,D (2707)-Macmillen,A (2570) corr 84/(54) 2002]
11...Bd6 0.81/18 Against Ne5
[11...0-0= 0.15/15 remains equal.]
12.e4± e5 13.Nd5 dxe5 would now be deadly. **13...exd4** 1.86/17
[Better is 13...0-0!± 0.37/15]
14.e5!+- Nxd5 15.exd6+ Be6 16.dxc7! Qxc7 17.Ng5 Qd7 2.36/17
[17...Qd6± 1.60/16]

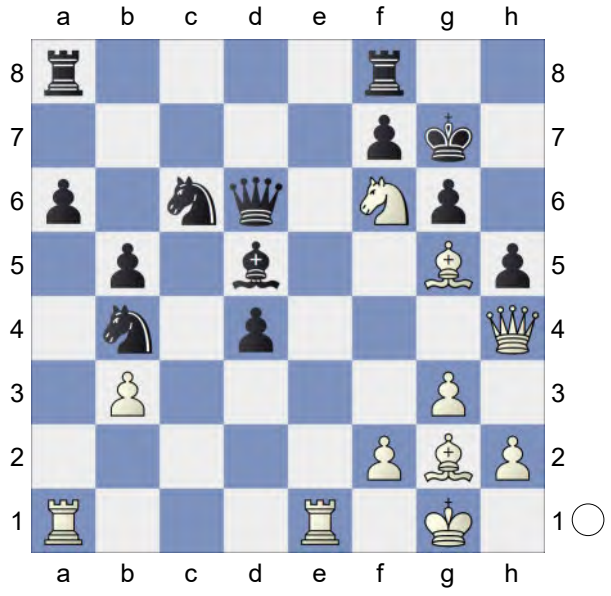


18.Re1! White has strong compensation. **18...0-0 19.Qe4 g6 20.Bb2 Ndb4** 3.10/18
[20...Rad8 1.64/15 is a better defense.]
21.Qh4 h5 22.Ne4→ Black is in trouble. **22...Qd8** 3.70/18
[22...Nd5 2.11/17 23.Qg5 Kg7]
23.Nf6+ Kg7

(Diagram)



24.Bc1! Bd5? 4.55/20
[24...Qxf6? 25.Bh6+ Kxh6 26.Qxf6+-]
[24...Nd5± 1.58/16 25.Bg5 *(25.Rxe6? fxe6 26.Nxd5 Qxh4-+)* 25...Nxf6]
[24...Rh8 25.Bg5]
25.Bg5 This pair of bishops is nice.
25...Qd6



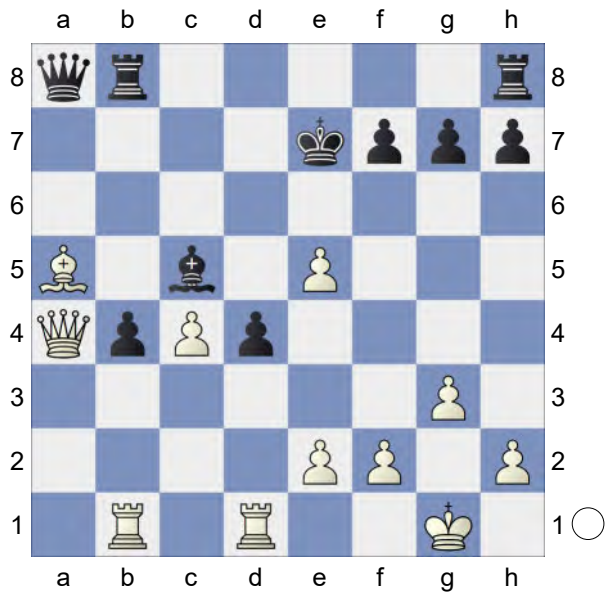
26.g4! Bxg2? 4.49/19
[26...Rh8 2.33/18]
27.Kxg2
[27.gxh5 Nc2=]
27...Nc2? 7.03/18
[27...Rh8 2.80/15]
28.gxh5 Nxa1 29.Bf4
[29.hxg6? Rh8 *(29...Nxb3 30.Qh7#)* 30.gxf7 Kxf7-+ *(30...Rxh4 31.Ne8+ Kg6 32.Nxd6∓)*]
29...Qd8 8.82/20
[29...Qxf6 30.h6+ Kh7 31.Qxf6 Rg8 32.Qxf7+ *(32.Rxa1 Nd8+-)* 32...Kh8 33.Re7 *(33.Rxa1 Raf8+-; 33.Bg5 Ra7 34.Bf6+ Rg7 35.hxg7+ Kh7 36.g8Q+ Kh6 37.Qgxg6#)* 33...Nxe7 34.Be5+]
[⌓29...Qc5 4.36/22]
30.Qg5 Qc8 35.50/24 Prevents Re6.
[30...Qxf6 31.h6+ *(31.Rxa1? Qxg5+ 32.Bxg5 f6-+)* 31...Kh7 32.Qxf6 Rg8 33.Qxf7+ *(33.Rxa1 g5+-)* 33...Kh8 34.Re7 *(34.Rxa1 g5+-; 34.Bg5 Ra7 35.Bf6+ Rg7 36.hxg7+ Kh7 37.g8Q+ Kh6 38.Qgxg6#)* 34...Nxe7 35.Be5+]
[30...Rg8 3.69/20 31.Rxa1 *(31.Qh6+ Kxf6 32.Bg5+ Kf5±)* 31...d3 *(31...Qxf6 32.Qh6#)*]
31.hxg6 White threatens Nh5+ and mate.
[31.h6+? Kh8 32.Rxa1 Qe6-+]
31...Rh8 32.Nh7 Rxh7 33.gxh7+ Kh8 34.Qf6+
[34.Rxa1 Qf8±]
34...Kxh7 And now ...Qg4+ would win.
35.Qxf7+
[35.Rxa1 Qg4+ 36.Kf1 Qh3+ 37.Kg1 Qe6 38.Qh4+ Kg8∓]
35...Kh8 36.Qf6+
[Not 36.Rxa1 Qg8+ 37.Qxg8+ Kxg8±]
36...Kg8 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Re5
[Inferior is 38.Rxa1 Qg8 39.Qxg8+ Kxg8=]
38...Qg4+ 39.Qxg4 Nxe5 40.Bxe5+ Discovered Attack **40...Kh7** White took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=1.34
41.Qg7#
1-0

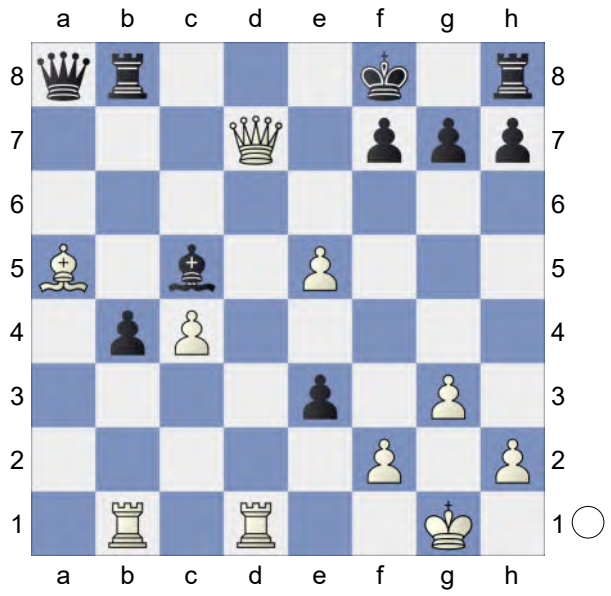
48 **E04**
□ **Contact60** **3076**
■ **BitByByte** **2909**
Blitz 06.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.c4 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nbd7 6.0-0 c6 7.a4 a5 8.Qc2! b5 0.77/19
[8...Be7± 0.35/16]
9.axb5N 0.18/18
[Better is 9.Ne5± 0.77/19 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd5 11.Rd1 Qb6 12.axb5 cxb5 13.Bxd5 exd5 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 Bc5 17.e4 0-0 18.Kg2 Rfc8 19.Bf4 h6 20.Rad1 a4 21.Qe2 a3 22.bxa3 Rxa3 23.Rd6 Bxd6 24.exd6 Qc6 25.d7 0-1 (40) Rasulov,V (2540)-Aradhya,G (2339) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (1.63)]
[9.Rd1 Qb6 10.e4 Be7 11.d5 cxd5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bb7 15.axb5 Nf6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 0-0 19.Qa4 Ne4 20.Qc2 Nf6 21.Qa4 Ne4 22.Qc2 Nf6 0-1 Chubar,V (2124)-Kurnosov,I (2653) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (5)]
9...cxb5= Hoping for ...Bb7. **10.Ne5** White is slightly better. **10...Nd5** 0.66/17
[10...Ra6= 0.27/18]
11.Nc3!± White is much more active.
11...Rb8 0.90/19
[11...Nxe5!± 0.44/19 is more appropriate. 12.dxe5 Qb6 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bxd5 Ra7 15.Qe4 Bc5 16.Bc6+ Bd7 17.Bxd7+ Rxd7 18.Qg4 *(18.Qa8+ Rd8 19.Qxa5 Qb7 20.Qa6 Qxa6 21.Rxa6 h6 22.e6 fxe6 23.Ra5 0-0 24.Bf4 g5 25.Rxb5 Rf5 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Rxf5 exf5 28.fxe3 Rd2 29.Rxf5 Rxe2 30.Rc5 Rxb2 31.Rxc4 Rb1+ 32.Kg2 Rb2+* ½-½ (57) Di Benedetto,E (2401)-Citak,S (2416) Budapest FS09 GM 2024 (6) *)* 18...a4 19.Qxg7 Rf8 20.Qxh7 Bd4 21.Qe4 Qb7 22.Qf5 Qd5 23.Bf4 Bxb2 24.Rad1 Qe6 25.Qb1 a3 26.Rxd7 Qxd7 27.Qe4 Rg8 1-0 (61) Tabatabaei,M (2686)-L'Ami,E (2627) II 155/171 Wijk aan Zee 2023]
12.Nxd5± Nxe5 13.Bd2 exd5 14.Bxa5!
[14.dxe5 a4 15.Rfd1 Bc5∓]
14...Qd7 15.dxe5 Bc5 16.Rfd1 d4 17.b3 Bb7 1.85/21
[17...0-0± 0.80/19]
18.Bxb7!+-
[Don't do 18.bxc4?! Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qb7+ 20.Kg1 b4±]
18...Qxb7 19.bxc4 b4 20.Qa4+ Ke7 21.Rab1 aiming for Bxb4!. Loses the game. **21...Qa8?** 4.91/19
[21...Qa7± 1.12/17]

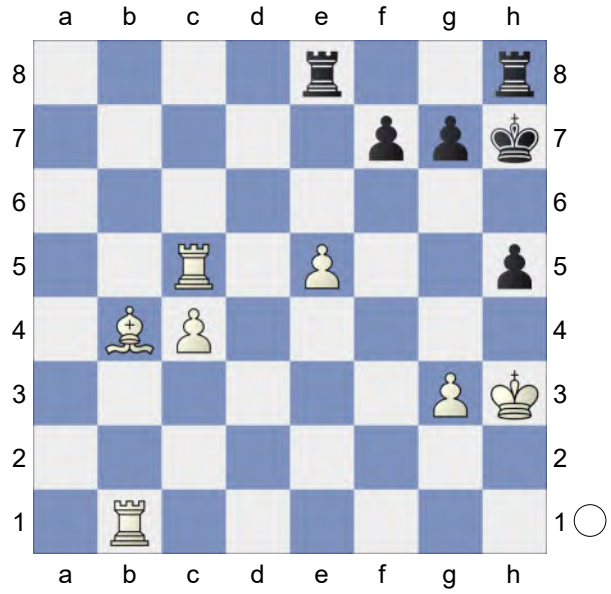
(Diagram)



22.e3! dxe3
[22...d3 23.Rxd3]
23.Qd7+ Kf8



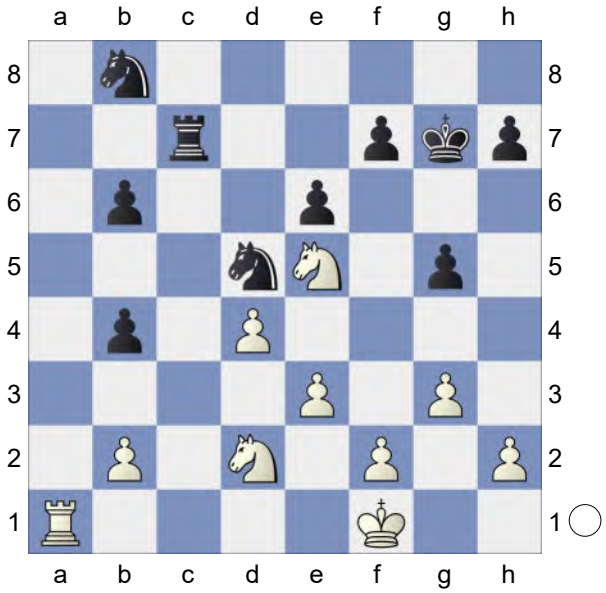
24.Rd5! exf2+
[24...Qxa5 25.e6 exf2+ 26.Kf1 fxe6 27.Qxe6]
25.Kf1 Re8 7.76/21
[Reject 25...Qxa5 26.e6 *(26.Qc6 h5=)* 26...fxe6 27.Qxe6]
[⌓25...Be7 4.44/17 26.e6 *(26.Kxf2 g6±)* 26...b3]
26.Rxc5 Qh1+ 27.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 28.Kf3 White wants to mate with e6!. **28...Qh5+ 29.Qg4 Qxg4+ 30.Kxg4 Kg8 31.Bxb4 h5+ 32.Kh3 Kh7**



33.e6! fxe6
[33...Rxe6 34.Rxh5+]
34.Rxh5+ Kg6 35.Rxh8 Rxh8+ Endgame KRB-KR **36.Kg2 Rd8 37.Rc1 Rd4 38.Be1 Rd6 39.c5 Rc6 40.Kf3 Kf5 41.Bd2 Ke5 42.Bf4+ Kd4 43.Rd1+ Kxc5 44.Rc1+ Kb6 45.Ke4 Kb5 46.Rxc6 Kxc6** KB-KPP **47.Be5 g6 48.Bf4 Kd7 49.Ke5 Ke7 50.g4** White mates. **50...Kd7 51.Kf6 Kc6 52.Kxg6** KB-KP **52...Kd5 53.Kf6 Kd4 54.Be5+ Kc5 55.g5 Kb4 56.Kxe6 Kc5 57.g6 Kc4 58.g7 Kc5 59.g8Q Kc4 60.Qg3 Kc5 61.Qb3 Kc6 62.Bg3 Kc5 63.Bf2+ Kc6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.63
64.Qb6#
1-0

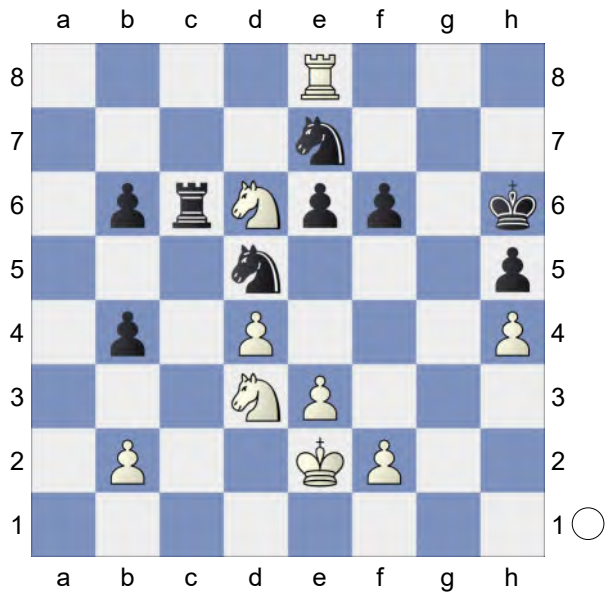
50 **E04**
□ **tomlesspit** **3075**
■ **admonitor** **2764**
Blitz 06.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+1sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 c5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bxb4 cxb4 White has an edge. **9.Qc2 a5** ...b5 would now be deadly. **10.Qxc4 b6! 11.a3 Ba6 12.Qc2 Qe7N**
[12...bxa3 13.Nxa3 Nbd7 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.Qd2 b5 16.b4 axb4 17.Nc2 Bb7 18.Nxb4 Nb6 19.Qg5 Nbd5 20.Nd3 Nc3 21.Qh4 Be4 22.Nc5 b4 23.Qf4 h6 24.h4 Bh7 25.Ne5 Nfd5 26.Qd2 Nb6 27.Nc6 ½-½ (31) Saadi, J (2523)-Rybka,S (2571) CFriend SH-2003-0-00002 email (11.27) Qd6 28.Nb7 Qd7 29.Nc5 Qd6 30.Nb7 Qd7 31.Nc5 ½-½ Rahman,Z (2523)-Grandelius,N (2571) 41st Olympiad Open 2014 (11.27)]
13.axb4 Rc8 0.74/22
[13...Qxb4= 0.08/20 remains equal. 14.Ne5 Ra7]
14.Qd2± Qxb4 0.92/21
[14...axb4± 0.50/21 15.Rc1 Rxc1+ 16.Qxc1 Ra7]
15.Qxb4 axb4 16.Nbd2! Ra7 17.Rfc1 Rac7
[17...Rxc1+ 18.Rxc1 Kf8 19.Ne5=]
18.Rxc7 Rxc7 19.e3 g5 1.24/21
20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Kxf1
[21.Nxf1?! Rc2=]
21...Kg7 1.52/20
[⌓21...Nbd7 1.01/21]
22.Ne5
[22.Nxg5 Rc2 23.Ke1 Nc6± *(23...Rxb2? 24.Ra7+-)*]
22...Nd5 1.55/18
[Black should play 22...g4 1.13/19 23.Ke1 h6]



23.Ne4! f6 24.Nd3 Kg6 1.91/18
[24...g4± 1.17/18 25.Nf4 Nxf4 26.gxf4 f5]
25.Ke2+- h5 2.24/19
[25...Kg7± 1.56/19 26.Nd6 Rd7 *(26...Rc2+? 27.Kd1+-)*]
26.h4 And now Ra8 would win.
26...gxh4 2.46/22
[⌓26...Nd7 1.93/21 27.Ra8 gxh4]
27.gxh4 Kh6 3.11/20
[27...Nd7 1.82/21 28.Kf3 f5 29.Rg1+ Kf7 30.Nd6+ Ke7]
28.Ra8 Nc6 29.Re8 Nce7 30.Nd6 Rc6? 4.25/23
[30...Rd7 2.14/21 is a better defense.]

(Diagram)



31.Nf7+! Kg6 32.Nd8 Rc2+ 33.Kd1 Rc8 34.e4 Nc6 35.Nxc6
[35.Rxe6 Nxd8 36.Rd6 Nc7∓]
[35.exd5 Rxd8 36.Rxe6 *(36.Rxd8 Nxd8 37.dxe6 Nxe6∓)* 36...Nxd4 37.Rxb6 Nf3 38.Nf4+ *(38.Rxb4 Rxd5 39.Kc2 Nd4+ 40.Kc3 Nb5+ 41.Kd2 Nd6±; 38.Nxb4 Nxh4 39.Ke2 Kg5±)* 38...Kf5±]
35...Rxe8 36.exd5 exd5 37.Nf4+
[37.Ncxb4 Re4±]
37...Kf7 38.Nxb4
[38.Nxd5 Re4=]
38...Re4 39.Nbxd5
[39.Nxh5? too greedy. Rxd4+-+ *(39...Rxh4? 40.Nxf6 Rxd4+ 41.Nd3-+)*]
39...Rxd4+ 40.Ke2 Re4+ 41.Kd3 Ra4 42.b4
[42.Nxh5 Rxh4 43.Ng3 *(43.Ndxf6 Rh2±; 43.Nhxf6 Ke6+-)* 43...Rh2+-]
42...Ra2 43.Ke3
[Not 43.Nxh5 Rxf2 44.Kc4 *(44.Nxb6 Rf5=)* 44...Rh2+-]
43...Ra3+ 44.Ke2 Ra2+ 45.Kf3 Ra3+ 46.Kg2 b5 47.Nxh5 f5 48.Nhf4 Rb3 49.f3 Rb2+ 50.Kg3 Rd2 51.h5 Rb2 52.Ng6 Rd2 53.Nge7 Rd1 54.h6 Rg1+ 55.Kf4 Rd1 56.Kxf5 Rh1 57.Nc6 Rxh6 58.Ne5+ Kg7 59.f4 Kf8 60.Ke4 Rh2 61.f5 Rh4+ 62.Kf3 Kg8 63.f6 Rh3+ 64.Ke4 Nf4 would kill now. **64...Rh8 65.Nf4 Rh1 66.f7+** White mates. **66...Kh7 67.Neg6 Rc1 68.f8Q Re1+ 69.Kd5 Re5+ 70.Kd6 Re6+ 71.Nxe6 Kxg6 72.Qf4 Kh7 73.Qg5 Kh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.50
74.Qg7#
1-0

49 **E11**
□ **SolistaBot** **3075**
■ **magnusglad_bot** **2804**
Blitz 12.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.b3 b6 10.Rd1 h6
[10...a5 11.Bc3 Bb7 12.Nbd2 c5 13.Ne5 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Qc8 16.Rac1 dxc4 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qxc4 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qb7+ 20.Qe4 Rfb8 21.Rc6 Qd7 22.Rcc1 Qb7 23.Qxb7 Rxb7 24.Ne4 Be7 25.Nd6 1-0 (56) Grube,J (2773)-11...♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2798) EM/M/A089 email 2000 (8)]
11.Bf4N
[11.Bc3 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Rc8 13.e4 Qc7 14.Rac1 *(14.e5 Nh7 15.Nf1 c5 16.Ne3 Ng5 17.Ne1 cxd4 18.Bxd4 dxc4 19.f4 Nh7 20.Qxc4 Qb8 21.Qe2 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rfd8 23.h4 Nc5 24.Ng4 Qb7+ 25.Qf3 Qa6 26.h5 Rc7 27.Rd2 Rcd7 28.Rad1 f5* 0-1 (50) Vinchev,S (2511)-

Wunderlich,H (2569) corr 80 y corr chess (BUL) 2022*)* 14...dxe4 15.Nxe4 c5 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Rfd8 19.h4 a6 20.a4 Rd7 21.Qe2 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 b5 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Rxd7 Qxd7 25.a5 Rc7 0-1 (31) Navlt,Z (2447)-Trofimov,V (2405) corr WC45/sf 9 2021 26.Re1 b4 27.a6 bxc3 28.Qc4 Qd2 29.Re2 Qd1+ 0-1 (31) Cebasek,J (2447)-5.♗f4 0-0 6.♕c2 (2405) Catalunya-chT GpA final 2017]

11...Ba6 12.Nbd2 Nh5 The position is equal. **13.Be3 Rc8 14.Qb2**

[14.Ne5 looks sharper. Nhf6 15.Ndf3 Nxe5 16.Nxe5]

14...Nhf6 15.Rac1 c5 16.Ne5 Inhibits Ng4. **16...Nxe5 17.dxe5 Ng4 18.Nf1 d4 19.Bf4 g5** 0.50/21

[19...Rc7= 0.01/20]

20.h3!± Nxf2 0.99/18

[20...gxf4= -0.01/18 keeps the balance. 21.hxg4 fxg3 22.Nxg3 b5]

21.Kxf2± gxf4 Black is weak on the light squares **22.Qa3! Bg5** 1.07/18

23.Rb1! White is more active.

[23.Qxa6 fxg3+ 24.Kg1 *(24.Nxg3? Be3+ 25.Kf1 Qg5-+)* 24...Bxc1 25.Rxc1 Rc7∓]

23...fxg3+ 24.Kg1 Bf4 25.Qxa6 Rc7 26.b4! cxb4 27.Rxb4 Qg5 28.Qa3 Bxe5 ...Bd6 would now be deadly. **29.Qd3! Rfc8 30.Kh1 h5 31.Nd2 Qe3**

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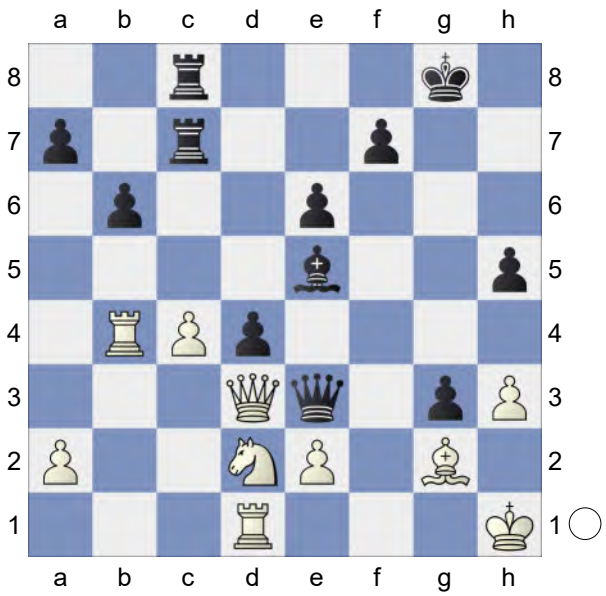


32.Nb3! f5 1.65/18

[32...h4± 0.86/17]

33.a4+-

[33.Nxd4 Qxd3 34.Rxd3 Rxc4 35.Rxc4 Rxc4∓]

33...Kf7 1.61/21

[33...Bf4± 1.19/17]

34.a5

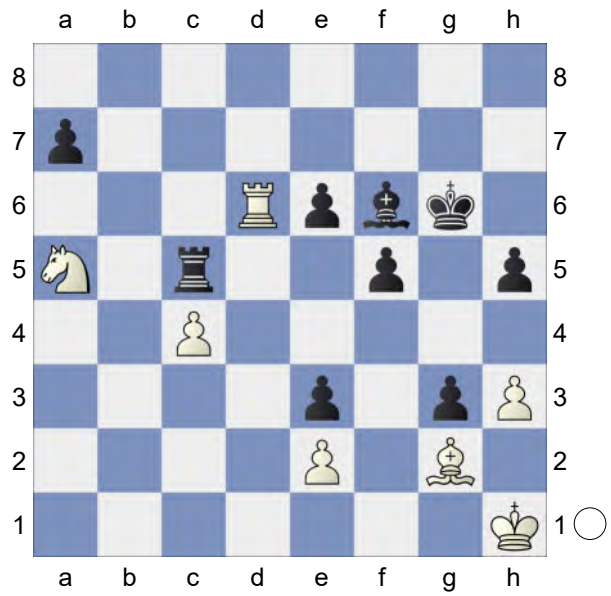
[34.Nxd4? Qxd3 35.Rxd3 Rxc4 36.Rxc4 Rxc4-+]

34...bxa5 35.Nxa5 Bf6 36.Rb7 Kg6 2.72/21

[36...Be7± 1.44/18 37.Rxc7 *(37.Qxd4 Qxd4 38.Rxd4 Kf6±)* 37...Rxc7 38.Qxe3 *(38.Qxd4 Qxe2 39.Rf1 Rc5=)* 38...dxe3]

37.Qxe3 dxe3 38.Rxc7 Rxc7 39.Rd6 Rc5

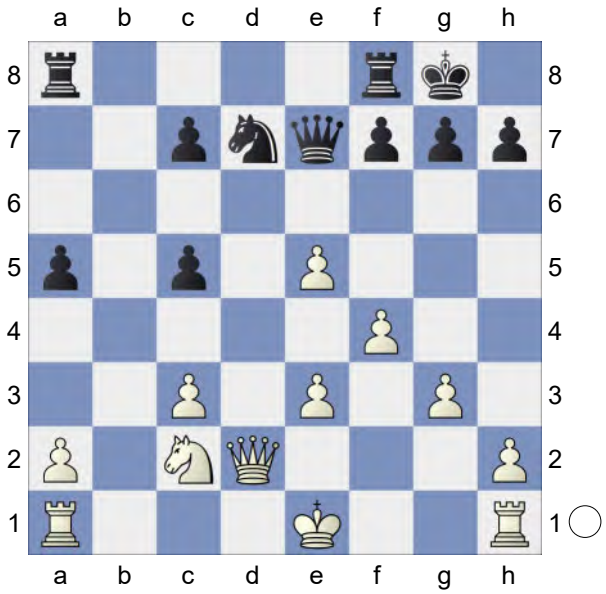
(Diagram)



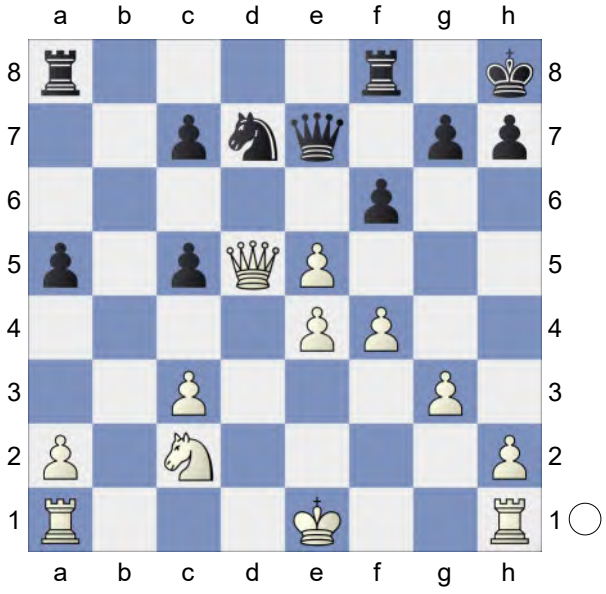
40.Ra6 h4 41.Bf3
[41.Rxa7 Bc3±]
41...Kg5 42.Nb7
[42.Rxa7 Bc3±]
[42.Kg2 Bd4 43.Nb7 *(43.Rxa7 e5±)* 43...Rxc4+-]
42...Rxc4 43.Rxe6 Rc7 44.Kg2
[44.Rxe3? Bd4 45.Kg2 Bxe3-+]
44...Rd7 45.Re8
[45.Rxe3 Rd1 46.Nc5 a5+-]
45...Rd2 46.Nc5
[46.Rxe3 Bd4 47.Rd3 Rxd3 48.exd3 Kf6+-]
46...Ra2 4.17/21
[46...Rd6 2.83/20 was necessary. 47.Rxe3 *(47.Ne6+ Kh6+-)* 47...Bb2 48.Ne6+ Kh6]
47.Ne6+
[Not 47.Rxe3 Ra5+-]
47...Kh6 48.Rf8 White is clearly winning. **48...Kg6 49.Nf4+ Kg7 50.Rc8** and Nh5+ would now be decisive
50...Ra4 6.73/22
[⌓50...Bg5 4.39/19]
51.Nh5+ Kf7 52.Rc7+ Be7 53.Bd5+ Kg6 54.Nxg3
[54.Rxe7 Kxh5 55.Kf3 *(55.Rxe3 Kg5±)* 55...Kg5 56.Kxe3 f4+ 57.Kd3 *(57.Kf3 Ra3+ 58.Kg2 Re3+-)* 57...Kf6 58.Rf7+ Ke5+-]
54...hxg3 7.58/23
[⌓54...Bd8 4.44/17 55.Rc6+ Kg5]
55.Rxe7 Endgame KRB-KR **55...f4 56.Bf3 Kf6 57.Rc7 a5 58.h4 Rd4 59.h5 Rd8 60.Ra7 Rf8 61.h6 Rf7 62.h7 Rf8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.44
63.Rxa5
1-0

51 **E04**
□ **BerserkBot** **3074**
■ **expositor** **2778**
Blitz 05.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

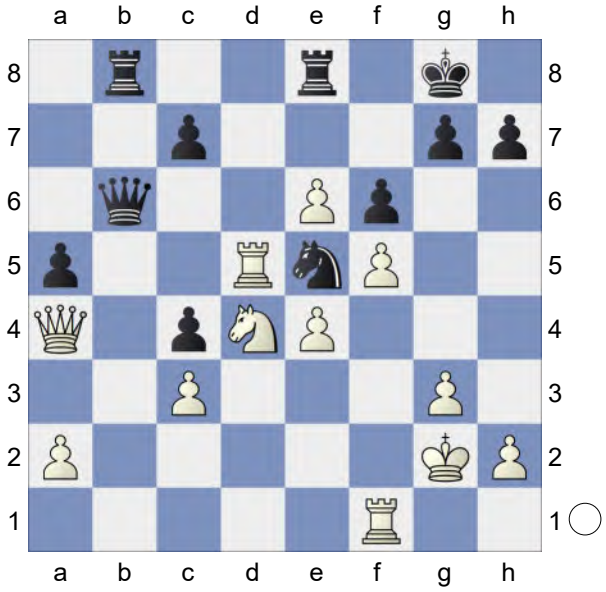
Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Damljanovic,B: 'Inf 98/378' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc1 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 Bd7 9.Ne5** White is slightly better.
9...Bc6 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Na3 0-0 12.e3
[12.Rd1 Qe7 13.0-0 Qb4 14.Qc1 Nd5 15.Nxc4 Rfd8 16.a3 Qb5 17.Rd3 a4 18.Rfd1 Na5 19.Nxa5 Qxa5 20.e4 Ne7 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Qb6 23.Qe3 Qxe3 24.fxe3 Kf8 25.d6 cxd6 26.Rxd6 Nc6 1-0 (64) Damljanovic,B (2625)-Korneev,O (2638) 98/378 Vrsac 2006]
12...e5 13.Bxc6 c3N
[13...bxc6 14.dxe5 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Ne4+ 16.Ke2 c3 E 04/28 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
14.bxc3 bxc6 15.dxe5 Nd7! 16.f4 Qe7! 17.Nc2 c5 1.06/18
[17...f6!= 0.29/17 remains equal.]



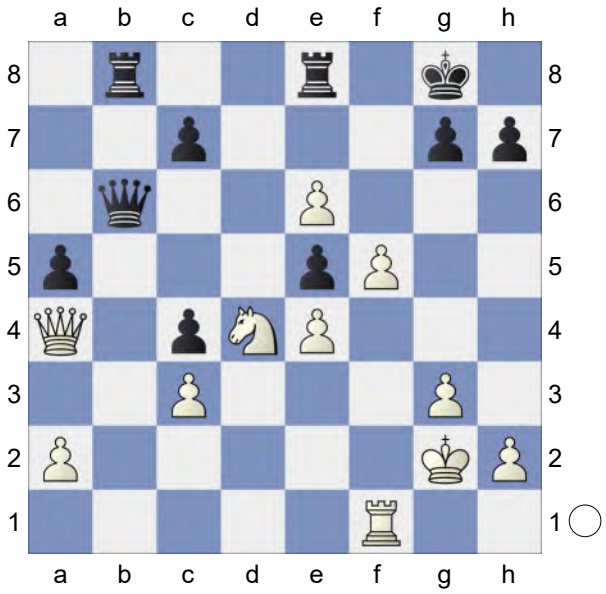
White now steadily converts the win.
18.e4!± f6 1.75/21
[18...Nb6± 1.02/18]
19.Qd5++- Kh8



20.e6!↑ White is really pushing. **20...Nb6**
21.Qc6 Rfe8 2.80/19
[21...Rfd8± 1.43/22]
22.f5 Nc4 Prevents Ne3. **23.Rd1 Ne5**
24.Qa4 c4 2.97/17
[⌓24...Red8 1.74/17]
25.0-0 Qc5+ 3.21/18
[25...Reb8 2.27/16 is a better defense. 26.Kh1 Qc5]
26.Kg2 Rab8 27.Rd5 Qb6 28.Nd4
[28.Qxa5 Qxa5 29.Rxa5 Rb2±]
[28.Rxa5 Qb2±]
28...Kg8? 6.54/18
[28...Qb2+ 3.22/17 29.Rf2 Qb1]



29.Rxe5! fxe5



30.Qd7 Kh8
[30...Qd6 31.f6]
31.Nc6 Ra8 32.Nxe5 Qc5

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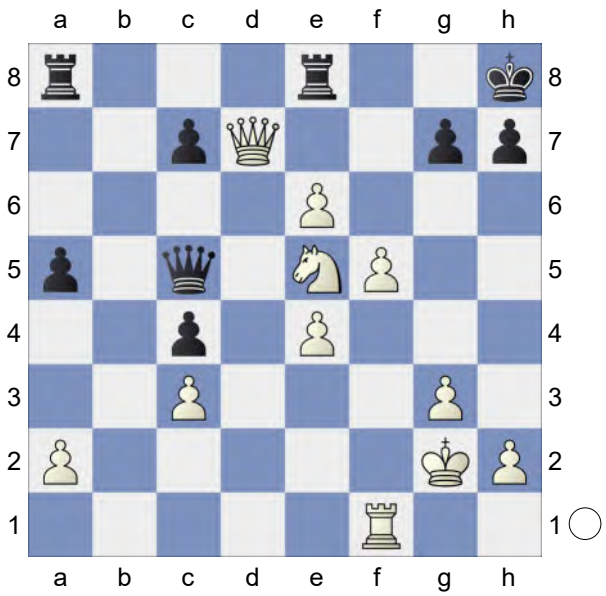

Black is weak on the light squares **33.f6! gxf6 34.Nf7+ Kg8 35.Rxf6 Re7 36.Qd1** Intending Qg4+ and mate. **36...Rxf7 37.exf7+** Endgame KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up. **37...Kg7 38.Rf5 Qd6 39.Qg4+ Qg6 40.Qf4** and Qe5+ should not be overlooked **40...Qd6 41.Rg5+ Kh8 42.Qg4 Qd8 43.h4 c5 44.Qe6 Qd2+ 45.Kh3 Qxg5 46.hxg5 Kg7 47.Qe7** White mates. **47...Kg6 48.Qf6+ Kh5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=1.09
49.g4#
1-0

52 **E04**
□ **ArasanX** **3070**
■ **pawn_git** **2900**
Rapid 04.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 a6 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e3 Bd7 8.Qe2 b5 9.b3 cxb3 10.axb3 Be7

11.Nc3N White has compensation. White is slightly better.
[11.Bd2 0-0 12.Rc1 Nd5 13.Nc3 *(13.Ne1 Ncb4 14.e4 Nb6 15.Nd3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Qb8 17.Ba5 Rc8 18.Nd2 Be8 19.Qe3 c6 20.Rc2 Qb7 21.Rac1 Rab8 22.Nf3 Nd7 23.h3 Ba3 24.Ra1 Be7 25.Rac1 Ba3 26.Ra1 Be7 27.b4 Nb6* ½-½ (47) Erdogdu,M (1988)-7. ♘c3 a6 8.e3 (1650) Deutschland 84/(121) 2001 (1) *)* 13...Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Ra7 15.Ne1 b4 16.Bb2 Nb8 17.Qg4 Chapter Open System-5...Nc6,6]
[11.Bb2 0-0 12.Rc1 Nb4 13.Ne5 Rb8 *(13...Nfd5 14.Nc3 c6 15.Ne4 f6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.h4 a5 18.Nd2 Ra7 19.e4 Nc7 20.h5 Rfa8 21.h6 g6 22.Qe3 Ra6 23.Nf3 a4 24.bxa4 Rxa4 25.Rab1 Ra2 26.Rd1 Qd8 27.Qc3 Qf8 28.d5* 1-0 (41) Nekula,R (2379)-Michaut,L (2347) 6th Asian Men's Championships 2007*)* 14.Nd2 Rb6 15.Ndf3 Bc8 16.Ne1 Nd7 17.N5d3 Nxd3 18.Nxd3 Bd6 19.e4 Bb7 20.Nc5 Bc8 21.Rc2 c6 22.Qe3 Be7 23.Nd3 Bb7 24.Qe1 b4 25.Qe3 Rb5 1-0 (43) Delmarko,D (2707)-Macmillen,A (2570) corr 84/(54) 2002]
11...0-0 12.Rd1 White wants to play Ne5. **12...Nd5 13.Bb2 Qc8 14.Rac1 h6 15.Ne4! Na5 16.Ned2 Rd8** 0.86/16
[16...b4!= 0.25/16 remains equal.]
17.Ne5± Be8 18.e4 White is much more active. **18...Nf6 19.h4 Bb4** 1.35/18
[19...c6± 0.63/16]
20.Rc2! c6 1.69/19
[20...Be7± 1.04/17]

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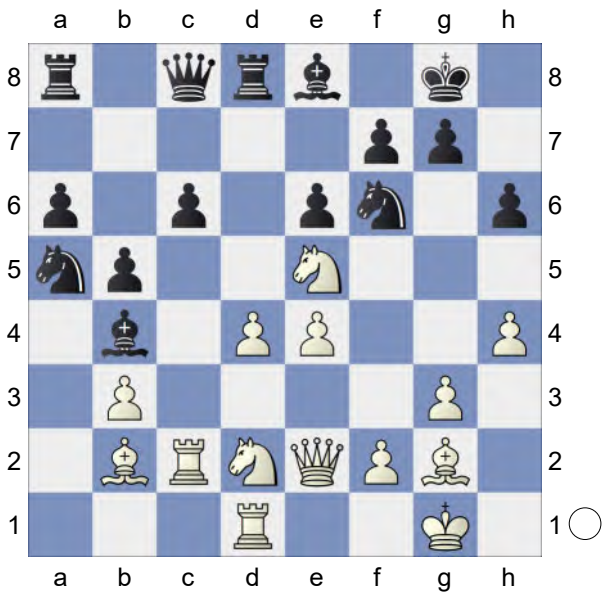
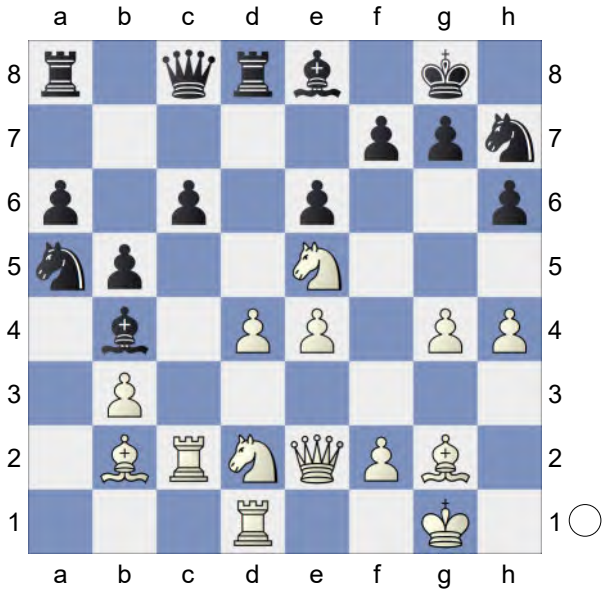
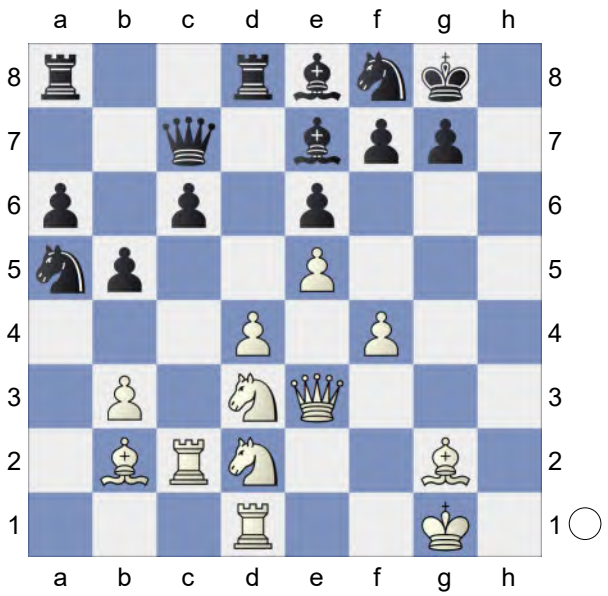


21.g4!+- Nh7



22.g5! hxg5 23.hxg5 Nxg5 2.07/17
[23...c5± 1.22/16]
24.Nd3 1.07/17
[24.f4+- 2.07/17]
24...Be7± 25.e5↑ 0.86/16 Black is under strong pressure.
[⌓25.f4 1.59/16]
25...Qc7 1.99/20
[25...Ra7± 0.86/16]
26.Qe3 1.48/17
[26.f4+- 1.99/20]
26...Nh7 27.f4 Nf8



28.Bh1! Qa7? 3.37/18
[28...Qb6 1.63/16]
29.Ra1+- Qb6 30.Nc5 Against Rd7
30...Nb7 31.Nde4 Ng6 32.Rh2 Ra7? 4.59/17
[32...a5 2.72/18 was necessary. 33.Bf3 a4]
33.Rf1 Rd5
[33...Nxc5? 34.dxc5 Qb7 35.Bf3±]
34.b4 a5 6.99/20
[Worse is 34...Nxc5 35.dxc5 Qd8 36.Nd6+-]
[⌓34...Qd8 4.43/21 35.Nxb7 *(35.Qh3 Bxc5 36.dxc5 Rd3±)* 35...Rxb7]
35.Qh3 Bh4 36.Ng5 Nxc5 37.bxc5
[Weaker is 37.dxc5 Qd8+-]
37...Qd8 aiming for ...Rxd4. **38.Be4 Bxg5 39.fxg5 Qxg5+ 40.Kh1 Qh4 41.Qg2 Nf4 42.Qf3 Qd8 43.Qxf4** Black is weak on the dark squares **43...f5 44.exf6 Qxf6 45.Bh7+** A strong pair of Bishops. **45...Kf8 46.Qc1 Qxf1+ 47.Qxf1+ Rf7 48.Qh3** Bg6! would now be deadly. **48...Rd8 49.Be4 Ke7 50.Bc1 Rxd4 51.Bg5+ Kd7**

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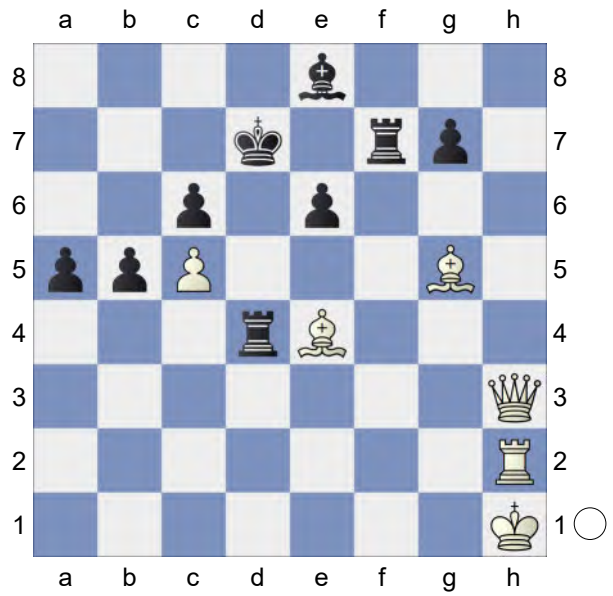
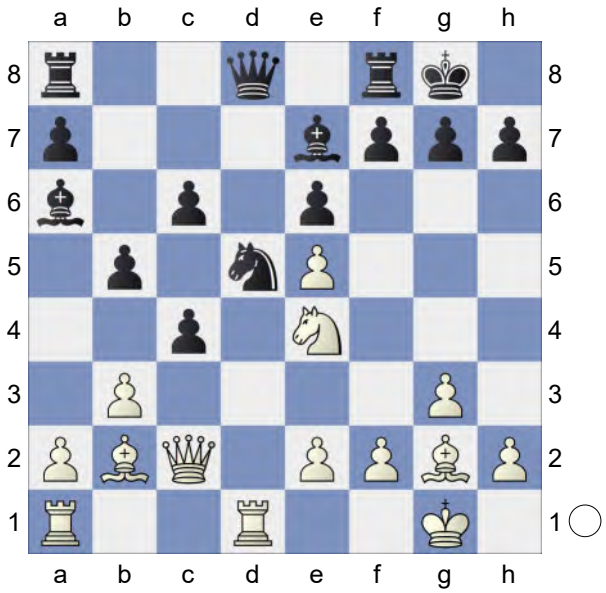


52.Bxc6+! Kxc6
[52...Kc7 53.Bxe8]
53.Qxe6+ Kb7 54.Qxe8 13.41/19
[⌓54.Qb6+ #16/22 Ka8 55.Rh8 *(55.Qxa5+ Ra7+-)* 55...Rd1+ 56.Kh2 *(56.Kg2 Re1 57.c6 Re5 58.Qa6+ Kb8)* 56...Re1 57.Qxa5+ *(57.Qxb5 Rc7+-)* 57...Kb7 58.Qxe1 Bd7 59.Qg3]
54...Rfd7 55.Rh8 Kc6 56.Be3 g5 57.Qe6+ R7d6 58.cxd6 Rd1+ 59.Kg2 33.87/5
[⌓59.Kh2 #7/16 Rd2+ 60.Bxd2 g4 61.d7+ *(61.Bxa5 b4 62.d7+ Kc5 63.Rc8+ Kb5 64.Qc6+ Kxa5 65.d8Q#)* 61...Kb7 62.Qd5+ *(62.d8B g3+ 63.Kxg3 b4 64.Qb6+ Kc8 65.Qc7#)* 62...Kb6 63.d8Q+ Ka7 64.Qxa5#]
59...Rxd6 60.Qe4+ Kc7 61.Qe7+ White mates. **61...Rd7 62.Qc5+ Kb7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.74
63.Qb6#
1-0

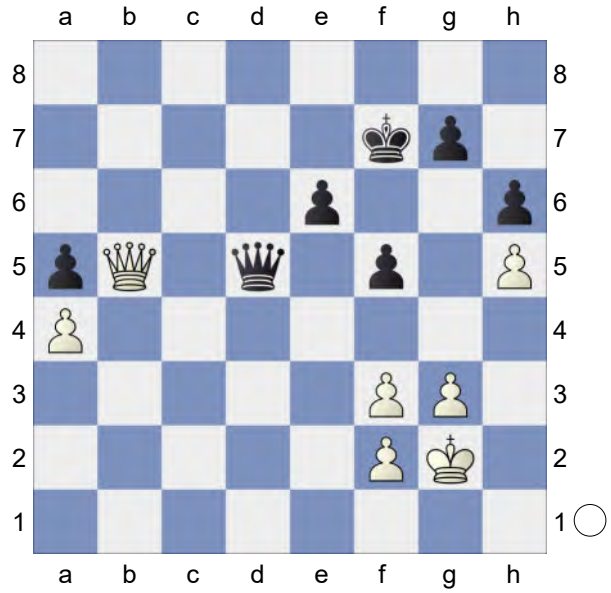
53 **E08**
□ **ArasanX** **3068**
■ **PetersBot** **3078**
Rapid 10.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2 b6 8.Rd1 Bb7 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.b3 Ba6 11.Bb2 dxc4 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Ne4 White has compensation.
14...b5N
[14...cxb3 15.axb3 Qc8 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.exd6 f5 18.e4 fxe4 19.Bxe4 h6 20.d7 Qb7 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qxh6 Qxd7 25.Bf5+ 1-0 Lazavik, D (2572)-Raczek,K (2428) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early blitz 2025 (6)]



15.Nd6! White wants to play a4.
15...Qc7
[15...Qb6 16.h4]
16.Bf3 Rad8 17.a4 axb5 is the strong threat. **17...cxb3 18.Qxb3 b4 19.Rac1**

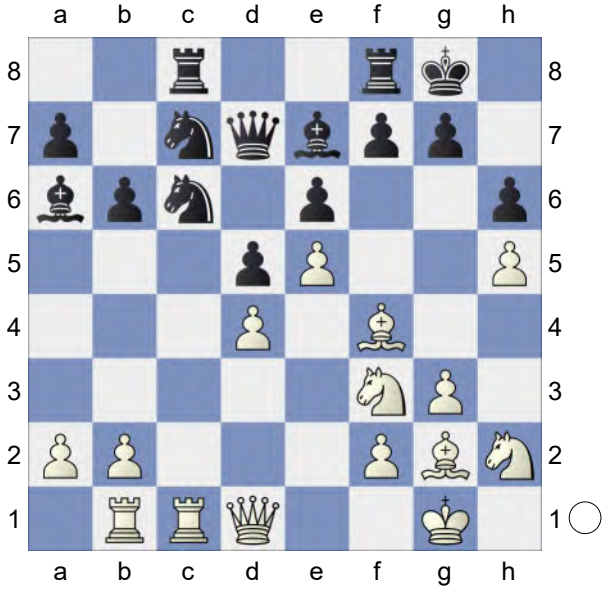
h6 20.h4 Nc3 21.Bxc3 bxc3 22.Rxc3
[22.Qxc3 Bxd6 23.exd6 *(23.Rxd6 Rxd6 24.exd6 Qxd6=)* 23...Rxd6±]
22...c5 23.Rdc1 Bxd6 24.exd6 Qxd6 25.Rxc5 Rc8 26.Rc6 Qe5 27.Qd1 Rxc6 28.Rxc6 Bb7 29.Rd6 Bxf3 The position is equal. **30.exf3=** Endgame KQR-KQR **30...Rb8 31.Rc6 Rb2 32.Kg2 Kh7**
[32...Qe3 is more complex. 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.Rc2 Qb3]
33.Rc2 Rxc2 34.Qxc2+ KQ-KQ **34...f5 35.Qc8 a5 36.Qc6 Qd5 37.Qe8 Qc4 38.h5 Qe2 39.Qc6 Qe5 40.Qb7 Qe2 41.Qa7 Qd2 42.Qe7 Qd5 43.Qe8 Qc4 44.Qd7 Qd5 45.Qc8 Qa2 46.Qc6 Qd5 47.Qa6 Kg8 48.Qb5 Kf7**



And now ...Qxb5 would win. **49.Qb6 Kf8 50.Qb2 Qd7 51.Qb3 Kf7 52.Qc4 Qd5 53.Qc7+ Kf6 54.Qb8 Kf7** Against Qf8+ **55.Qc7+ Kf8 56.Qc8+ Ke7 57.Qc3 Kf7** An even fight not without its subleties.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
58.Qc7+
½-½

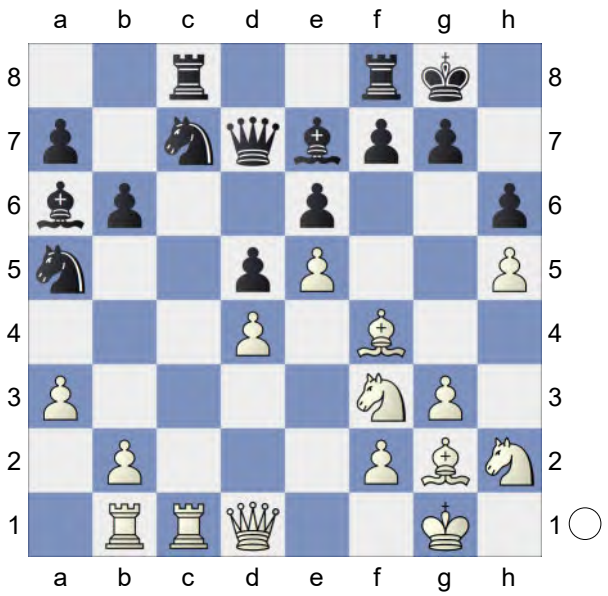
54 **A53**
□ **Buletten-Karl** **3067**
■ **BitByByte** **2919**
Blitz 04.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E10: Blumenfeld Gambit
1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qc2 Nbd7 8.Rd1 White is slightly better. **8...c6 9.Nbd2 b6 10.e4 Bb7 11.e5 Ne8 12.cxd5! cxd5 13.Nf1! Rc8 14.Qb3 Nb8 15.h4 Nc6 16.Bf4 Nc7** 1.42/19
[⌓16...Ba6 0.88/18]
17.Rdc1± Qd7 18.N1h2 1.06/16
White is more active.
[⌓18.Qe3 1.43/17]
18...Na5 1.74/17
[18...Ba6± 1.06/16]
19.Qd1+- Ba6 1.98/19
[19...f5± 1.53/16 20.exf6 Bxf6]
20.h5 h6 21.Rab1 Nc6 2.05/17
[21...Kh8± 1.47/16 22.b3 Nc6]

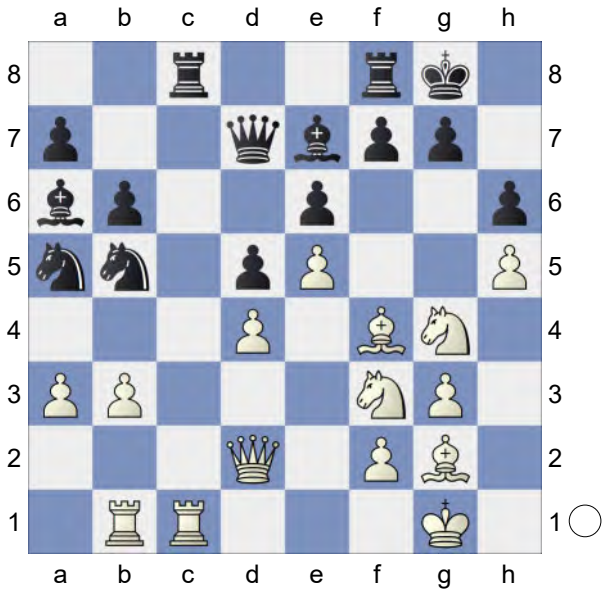


22.a3! Na5 2.13/17
[22...b5 1.70/17 23.Ng4 Kh8]

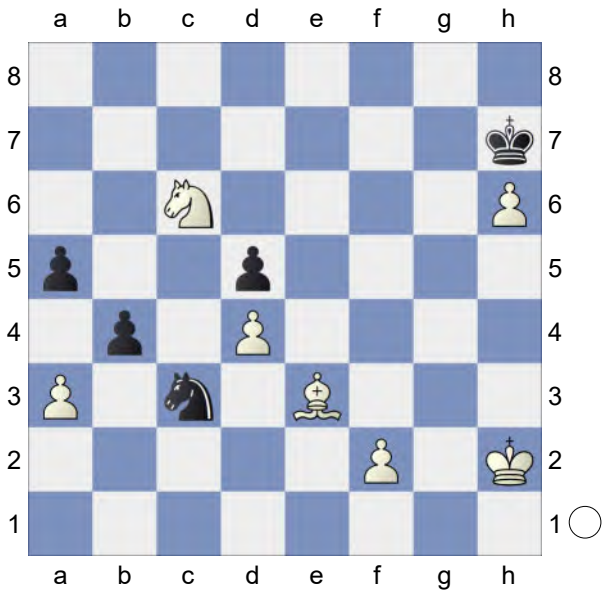
(Diagram)



23.Ng4! Bb5 2.43/16
[23...Rfd8 1.84/18 is a better defense. 24.b4 *(24.Bxh6 gxh6 25.Qd2 Nb3±)* 24...Nc4]
24.b3 Ba6 25.Qd2 Nb5? 5.77/18
[25...Ne8 2.51/17]



26.Bxh6! Rxc1+ 27.Rxc1
[27.Qxc1 Qc8 28.Bf1 Qxc1 29.Bxc1 Nc3∓]
27...f5 28.exf6 Bxf6 29.Nfe5 Bxe5 30.Nxe5 Qe7 31.Ng6 Inhibits Nxb3.
31...Qf7 32.Nxf8 Nxb3 33.Qe3
[33.Qg5 Qxf8 34.Qg4 *(34.Rc6 N3xd4 35.Qg4 Nxc6∓)* 34...Nxc1±]
33...Nxc1 34.Nxe6 Nc3 35.Nxg7
[35.Qxc1? Ne2+ *(35...Qxe6? 36.Qxc3 gxh6 37.Qc7+-)* 36.Kh2 Nxc1 37.Bxc1 Qxe6-+]
35...N1e2+ 36.Kh2 Kh7 37.Bh3 Nd1 38.Bf5+ Qxf5 39.Nxf5 This move loses the game for Black. **39...Nxe3 40.Bxe3** Endgame KBN-KBN. White is two pawns up.
[40.fxe3? perishes. Bd3 41.Nd6 *(41.e4? Bxe4 42.Bf4 Bxf5-+)* 41...Kxh6∓]
40...Bd3 41.Ne7 Nc3 42.g4 a5 43.g5 Kg7 44.h6+ Kf7 45.Nc6 Bf5 46.Ne5+ Kg8 47.g6 Bxg6 48.Nxg6 b5 49.Ne7+ Kh7 50.Nc6 b4



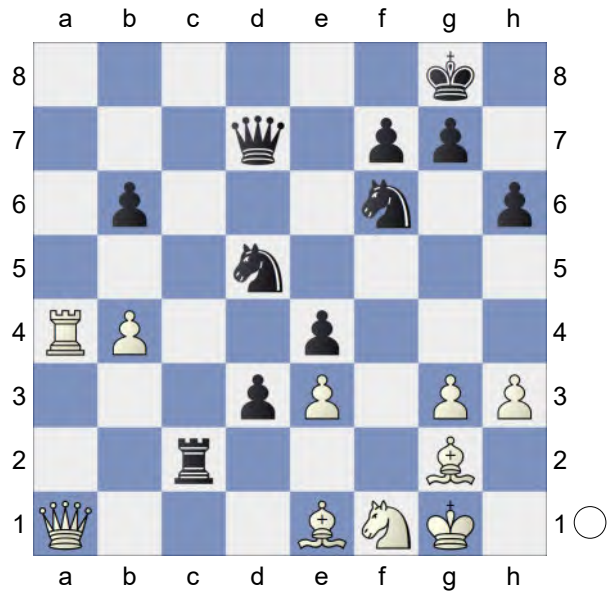
51.Nxb4! axb4
[51...Nb1 52.Nxd5]
52.axb4 KB-KN. White is 3 pawns up.
52...Kg6 53.Kg3 Nb5 54.Kf4 Hoping for Ke5. **54...Kxh6 55.Ke5+ Kg6 56.Kxd5 Na3 57.Kc5 Kf6 58.b5 Ke6 59.b6 Kd7 60.Bf4 Nb1 61.b7 Ke6 62.b8Q Kf5 63.Bh6 Ke4 64.Qg3 Nc3 65.Qxc3 Kf5 66.d5 Kg4 67.Qe3** Qf4+ would kill now. **67...Kh4 68.Qg3+**

Kh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.51
69.Qg5#
1-0

55 **E11**
□ **Buletten-Karl** **3066**
■ **magnusglad_bot** **2795**
Blitz 24.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

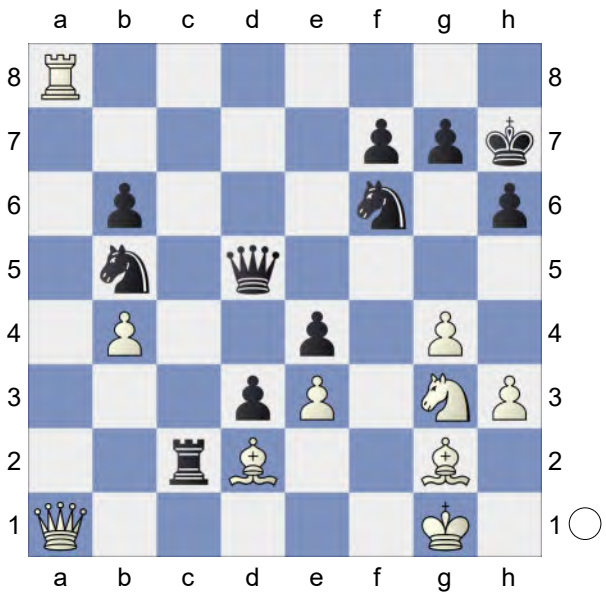
Blitz 3min+1sec E15: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 sidelines, 4 g3 Ba6 and 4 g3 Bb7 early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.b3 b6 10.Rd1 Ba6 11.a4 c5 12.a5 h6N
[12...Rc8 13.Qa2 Nb8 14.axb6 axb6 15.Nc3 dxc4 16.Bf4 cxb3 17.Qxb3 Bb7 18.dxc5 Nbd7 19.Ra7 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Nxc5 21.Qb1 Ncd7 22.Nb5 Rc5 23.Bc7 Qc8 24.Bd6 Bxd6 25.Nxd6 Qd8 26.Ne4 Rc7 27.Nxf6+ ½-½ (44) Caruana,F (2802)-Giri,A (2790) Gashimov Memorial 2015 (5) gxf6 28.Qa1 Re8 29.Bc6 Re7 30.Ra8 Rc8 31.Rxc8 Qxc8 32.Qa3 Nc5 33.Qf3 Kg7 34.Rd4 f5 35.Rh4 Ra7 36.h3 Ne4 37.Bxe4 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Ra1 39.Qh1 fxe4 40.Qxc1 Rxc1 41.Rxe4 b5 42.Re5 1-0 (44) Caruana,F (2822)-Karjakin,S (2782) Norway Chess 6th 2018 (5) b4 43.Rb5 Rc2 44.Rxb4 Rxe2 ½-½ Deslandes,P (2802)-Grube,J (2790) Oesterreich 69/383 1997 (5)]
[12...Qc8 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.axb6 *(14.e4 Nb4 15.Bxb4 cxb4 16.Qb2 bxa5 17.Rxa5 Bb7 18.Ne1 Nf6 19.f3 Bd8 20.Ra4 a5 21.Nd2 Ba6 22.Bf1 Bb6 23.Bxa6 Qxa6 24.Nc4 Rfd8 25.Kg2 Rac8 26.Nc2 Rxc4 27.bxc4 Qxc4 28.Rd2 e5* 1-0 (56) Bai,A (2399)-Deuer,M (2326) Budapest Vezerkepzo GM 10 2022 (1) *)* 14...axb6 15.e4 Nb4 16.Bxb4 cxb4 17.Qb2 Bb7 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Nbd2 Qa3 20.Qb1 Nf6 21.Ne5 Rc8 22.Ndc4 Qa6 23.d5 b5 24.Ne3 Bc5 25.Qd3 Rd8 26.Nxf7 Re8 27.e5 1-0 (32) Soo,K (2046)-Croad,N (2218) Oceania zt 3.6 2023 (8)]
13.Rc1 -0.06/17
[13.Ne5± 0.39/18]
13...cxd4 The position is equal. **14.Nxd4 Rc8** Against Nc6 **15.Bc3 Bc5** 0.58/19
[15...Nb8= 0.05/19]
16.Qb2 0.07/19
[White should play 16.axb6± 0.58/19 Qxb6 17.Qd2]
16...e5=
[16...dxc4 17.Nc6 Qc7 18.b4±]
17.Nc2 Re8 0.86/22
[17...dxc4 18.b4 Bxf2+ 19.Kxf2 bxa5 20.bxa5± *(20.Bxe5? Nxe5 21.bxa5 c3-+; 20.Rxa5 Qb6+ 21.e3 Bb7±)*]
[17...Ng4!= 0.09/18 18.e3 dxc4]
18.b4!± Bxf2+ 19.Kxf2 Bxc4 20.Ne3! d4 0.98/19
[20...b5± 0.49/17 was preferable.]
21.Nxc4!
[21.Bxd4?! exd4 22.Nxc4 d3=]
21...Rxc4 22.Be1 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 e4 24.Kg1! d3 25.e3
[25.exd3 Ne5 26.Bc3 *(26.dxe4? Qd4+ 27.Kf1 Qxa1-+)* 26...Nf3+ 27.Bxf3 exf3∓]
25...Ne5 1.23/18
[25...Qb8!± 0.62/17]
26.Nd2 Neg4 27.axb6 0.94/20
[⌓27.Nf1 1.46/20]

27...axb6 28.Nf1 Qd7 29.Ra2 Nd5 30.h3 Rc8 31.Qb1 Ngf6 32.Qa1 Rc4 33.Ra4 Rc2

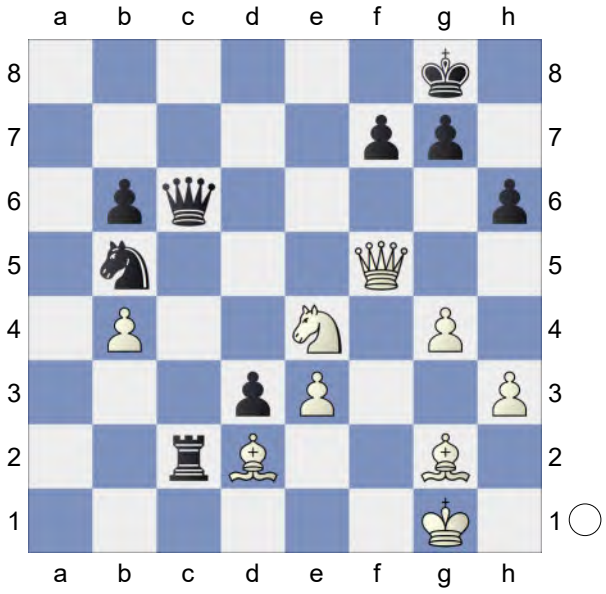


34.Bd2! Nc7 Dodges Ra8+ **35.Ra2 Qc6** 1.47/20
[35...Ne6± 0.69/18]
36.g4 Nb5 2.12/21
[36...Ne6± 1.04/18]
37.Ng3+- aiming for Rxc2. **37...Qd5?** 4.16/21
[37...Rxa2± 1.43/16 keeps fighting. 38.Qxa2 Nd6]
38.Ra8+
[38.Rxc2 dxc2 39.Qc1 Na3±]
38...Kh7

(Diagram)

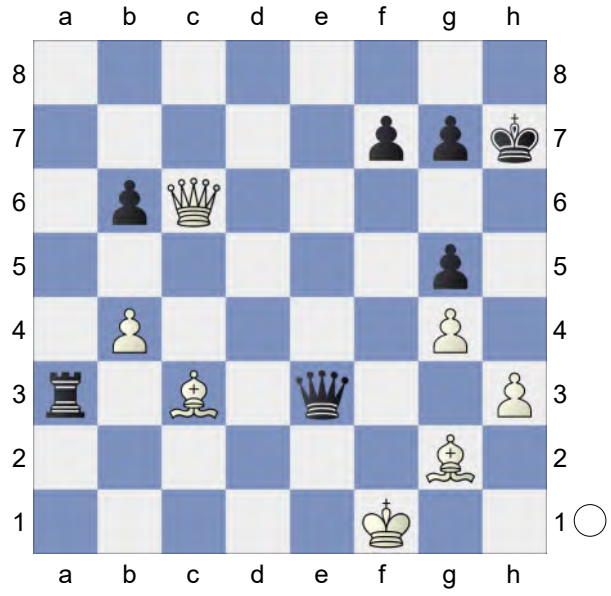


39.Qxf6! Remove Defender **39...Qxa8 40.Qf5+**
[40.Qxb6 Qa1+ 41.Nf1 Qe5∓]
[Not 40.Qe5 Kg8+-]
40...Kg8 41.Nxe4 Qc6 4.75/22
[41...Qe8 2.40/20 42.Bf1 Ra2 *(42...Rxd2? 43.Nxd2 Qxe3+ 44.Qf2+-* Deflection *)*]



Repels Nf6+ **42.Ng5!** Discovered Attack **42...Qc7 43.Qxb5**
[43.Qxd3? hxg5 44.Be4 Na3-+]
43...hxg5 44.Qxd3 Ra2 45.Kf1 Qg3

6.32/22
[⌓45...Qh2 3.96/19 46.Qd8+ Kh7]
46.Qd5 Ra3 47.Qc6
[47.Qxg5? Ra1+ 48.Ke2 Qxg2+ 49.Kd3 Ra3+ *(49...Qxh3? 50.Qf5-+; 49...Qf1+? 50.Kd4-+)* 50.Bc3 Qf1+ *(50...Qxh3 51.Qxg7#)* 51.Ke4 Qh1+ *(51...Rxc3 52.Qd8+ Kh7 53.Qh4+ Kg8 54.Qd8+ Kh7 55.Qh4+ Kg6 56.Qh5+ Kf6 57.Qe5+ Kg6 58.Qh5+ Kf6 59.Qe5+ Kg6 60.Qh5+=)* 52.Kf4 Qh2+ *(52...Rxc3 53.Qd8+ Kh7 54.Qh4+ Kg8 55.Qd8+ Kh7 56.Qh4+ Kg8 57.Qd8+=)* 53.Ke4 Qc2+ *(53...Rxc3? 54.Qd8+ Kh7 55.Qh4+ Kg6 56.Qh5+ Kf6 57.Qf5+ Ke7 58.Qg5+ Ke8 59.Qb5+ Kf8 60.Qxb6-+)* 54.Kd5 Qb3+ *(54...Rxc3 55.Qd8+ Kh7 56.Qh4+ Kg6 57.Qh5+ Kf6 58.Qe5+ Kg6 59.Qh5+ Kf6 60.Qe5+ Kg6 61.Qh5+=; 54...Qd3+? 55.Bd4-+)* 55.Ke4 Qxc3-+]
47...Kh7 48.Bc3 Against Ra1+
[48.Qxb6? perishes. Ra1+ 49.Ke2 Qxg2+ 50.Kd3 Rd1-+ *(50...Qxh3? 51.Qd4-+)*]
48...Qxe3



49.Be4+! Qxe4 50.Qxe4+ Kh8 51.Qc6 Kh7 Repels Qh6+ **52.Ke2 Ra2+ 53.Kd3 Rh2 54.Qe4+ Kg8 55.Qe8+ Kh7 56.Qxf7 Rxh3+ 57.Kc2** 14.49/5
[⌓57.Kd2 #8/19 Rxc3 58.Kxc3 Kh8 59.Qe8+ Kh7 60.Kd4 g6 61.Ke5 Kg7 62.Qe7+ Kg8 63.Kf6 Kh8 64.Qg7#]
57...Rxc3+ 58.Kxc3 Kh8 59.b5 g6 60.Qc7 Kg8 61.Kd4 Ke5! would kill now. **61...Kh8 62.Ke5** White mates. **62...Kg8 63.Kf6 Kh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=1.08
64.Qg7#
1-0

56 **E00**
□ **RaspFish** **3065**
■ **BitByByte** **2906**
Blitz 25.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 dxc4 6.a3N
[6.Bg2
A) 6...Nc6 7.a3 Be7 8.Qa4 0-0 9.Qxc4 e5 10.d5 Na5 11.Qa4 c6 12.b4 Nc4 13.dxc6 Qc7 14.0-0 bxc6 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 Bd7 17.Qa6 Qb6 18.Qc4 Qd4 19.Qxd4 exd4 20.Na4 Nd5 21.Rac1 1-0 (37) Carlsen,M (2714)-Topalov,V (2769) World Cup blindfold (Rapid) 2007 (9);
B) 6...c6 7.Ne5 Nd5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne4 b5 10.b3 f6 11.bxc4 fxe5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.dxe5 Nc6 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.a3 Ba5 16.Nc5 Qf7 17.Bf4 Ne7 18.Bd2 Bb6

19.Rc1 Rb8 20.Kh1 a5 21.Nb3 1-0 (29) Alonso Rosell,A (2563)-Lehner,O (2398) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (2.4);

C) 6...Bd7 7.Ne5 Bc6 8.Nxc6 Nxc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.d5 *(10.e3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxb7 Rb8 13.Bg2 Qd3* Chapter The Catalan-White Plays 5.Nc3 #5*)* 10...exd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Qe7 13.Bxc4 Rfd8 14.Qc2 Nd4 15.Qd3 a5 Chapter The Catalan-White Plays 5.Nc3 #2;

D) 6...c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.dxc5 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Bxc5 10.Nd2 Na5 11.Nde4 Be7 12.Bf4 Bd7 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Bxd6 Bc6 15.e4 0-0-0 16.b4 cxb3 17.axb3 Ne8 18.e5 Bxg2 19.Rxa5 Nxd6 20.exd6 Bf3 ½-½ (24) Shabalov,A-Shvets,V 1/344 Nederland 1966]

6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Bd7 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...Bc6** Inhibits Bg2. **9.f3!** White has compensation. **9...b5 10.a4 a6 11.Ba3 Nd5**

[11...bxa4 12.Nxc6 *(12.Nxc4 Bb5±)* 12...Nxc6 13.Qxa4±]

12.Qd2 f6

[12...bxa4?! 13.e4 *(13.Nxc4 Nb6±)* 13...Nb6 14.Nxc4± *(14.Bxc4 Bb5±)*]

13.Ng4 Nb6

[13...bxa4 14.e4 Nb6 15.h4±]

14.a5 Na4 15.Bh3 Bb7

[15...Kf7 with more complications. 16.e4 Re8 17.0-0-0 Kg8]

16.Qc2

[16.Ne3!?]

16...f5 17.Ne3 Qf6

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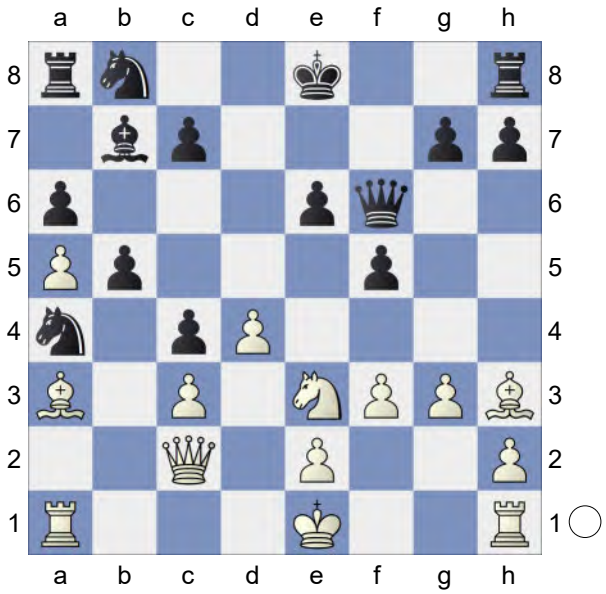


18.Nxc4! Deflection **18...Nc6! 19.Bg2 g5** 1.16/22 Dodges e3

[19...f4= -0.01/20]

White stays focused until the end.

20.Bc1!± Nc5 1.36/20

[20...f4± 0.34/18]

21.dxc5 bxc4 22.f4 0.79/20

[White should play 22.Rb1! 1.36/20 0-0-0 23.Qb2]

22...0-0 23.0-0!

[23.fxg5?! Qe5±]

23...Rab8

[23...Nb4? 24.cxb4 Bxg2 25.Kxg2+- *(25.fxg5 Qxa1 26.Kxg2 Qd4±; 25.Bb2 Be4+-)*]

24.e4!

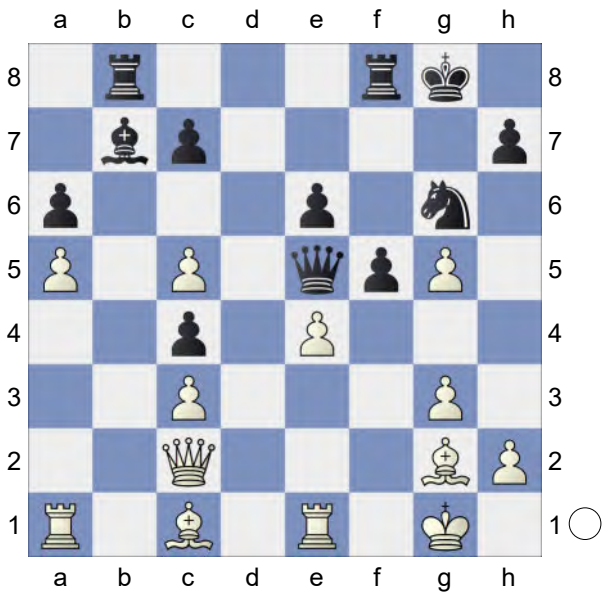
[24.fxg5?! Qe5±]

24...Ne7 1.75/18

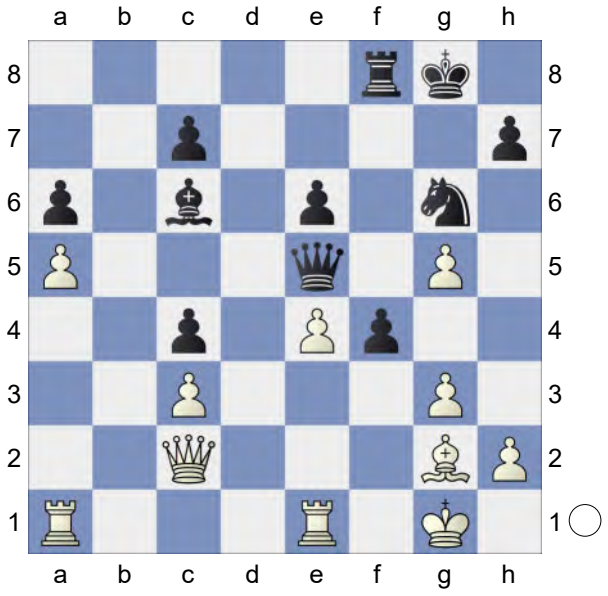
[24...fxe4± 1.13/19 was necessary. 25.Bxe4 *(25.fxg5 Qe7±; 25.Qxe4 Nxa5 26.Qe3 Bxg2∓)* 25...Nd4 26.Bxh7+ *(26.cxd4 Qxd4+ 27.Rf2 Bxe4-+)* 26...Kh8 27.cxd4 Discovered Attack Qxd4+ 28.Qf2 Qd5]

25.fxg5+- Qe5 26.Re1 Ng6 2.43/20

[26...Bxe4± 1.34/18 27.Bxe4 Ng6]



27.c6! Bxc6 28.Ba3 f4 29.Bxf8 Rxf8



30.Rf1 Qxg5 31.Qe2↑ White is in control. **31...Kg7** 2.41/18

[⌓31...Kh8 1.80/16 32.Rf3 *(32.Qxc4 Bb5=)* 32...Qb5]

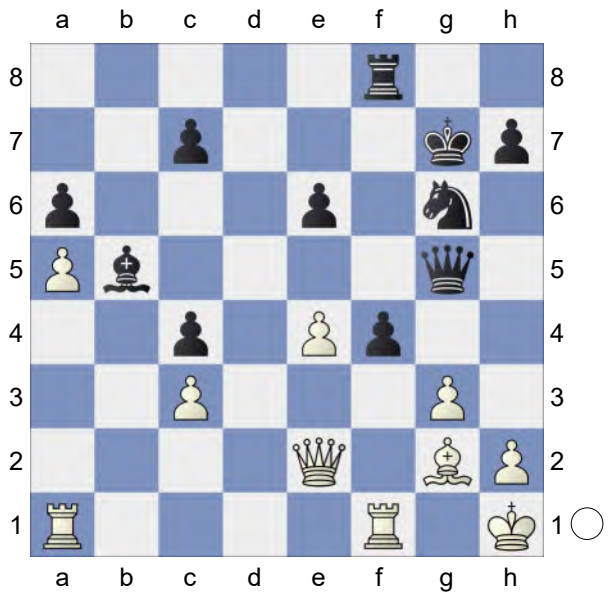
32.Kh1

[32.Qxc4 Bb5 33.Qd4+ *(33.Qxc7+ Rf7±)* 33...e5=]

32...Bb5? 3.30/17

[32...Qe5 1.77/16 33.Rac1 *(33.Qxc4 Bb5±)* 33...Rf7]

(Diagram)



33.e5! fxg3 34.Rxf8 Kxf8 35.Qf3+ Ke7 36.Qxg3 Qxg3 37.hxg3 Nxe5 Endgame KRB-KBN **38.Be4 Ng4** Strongly threatening ...Nf2+. **39.Bxh7 Bc6+ 40.Kg1 Kd6 41.Bg6 Nf6 42.Kf2 Be4 43.Bxe4 Nxe4+** KR-KN **44.Kf3 Nxc3 45.Rc1 Nb5 46.Rxc4 Kd5 47.Rc1 Nd4+ 48.Ke3 c5 49.g4 Nb3 50.Rg1 Nxa5 51.g5 Nc4+ 52.Ke2 Nd6 53.g6 Ne8 54.g7 Nxg7 55.Rxg7** KR-K3P **55...Kc4 56.Rg1 a5 57.Rb1 a4 58.Re1 a3 59.Kd1 Kc3 60.Kc1**

[Stronger than 60.Rxe6 a2 61.Ra6 Kb2=]

60...a2 61.Re3+

[61.Rxe6? a1Q#]

61...Kd4 62.Ra3 Strongly threatening Kd2!.

[62.Rxe6 a1Q+ *(62...a1B 63.Kb1=)* 63.Kc2 Qa2+ 64.Kc1 Qxe6 65.Kb2 Qe2+ *(65...Qe1* leads to mate. *66.Kc2 Qe2+ 67.Kb3 Qd2 68.Ka3 Kc4 69.Ka4 Qb4#)* 66.Kb3 Qd2 67.Ka3 Kc4 68.Ka4 Qb4#]

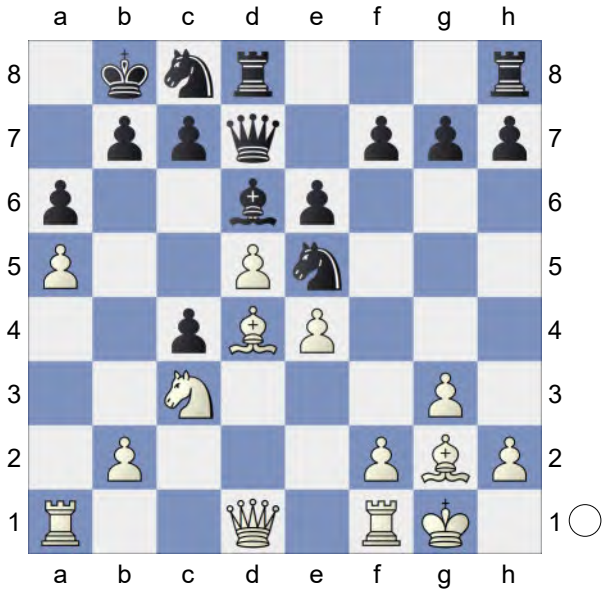
62...c4 63.Rxa2 KR-KPP **63...Kd3 64.Rd2+ Ke4 65.Kc2** 7.24/19

[⌓65.Kb2 #19/25 e5 66.Kc3 Kf5 67.Kxc4 Kg5 68.Rf2 Kg6 69.Kd5 e4

70.Kxe4]
65...c3 66.Kxc3 KR-KP **66...e5 67.Rf2 Kd5 68.Rf8 Ke6 69.Re8+ Kd5 70.Kd3 e4+ 71.Rxe4** KR-K **71...Kc5 72.Rd4 Kb5 73.Rc4 Kb6 74.Kc3 Ka5 75.Rb4 Ka6 76.Kb3 Ka7 77.Kc4 Ka6 78.Kc5** Kc6 would kill now. **78...Ka5 79.Rd4** White mates. **79...Ka6 80.Rd7 Ka5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.81
81.Ra7#
1-0

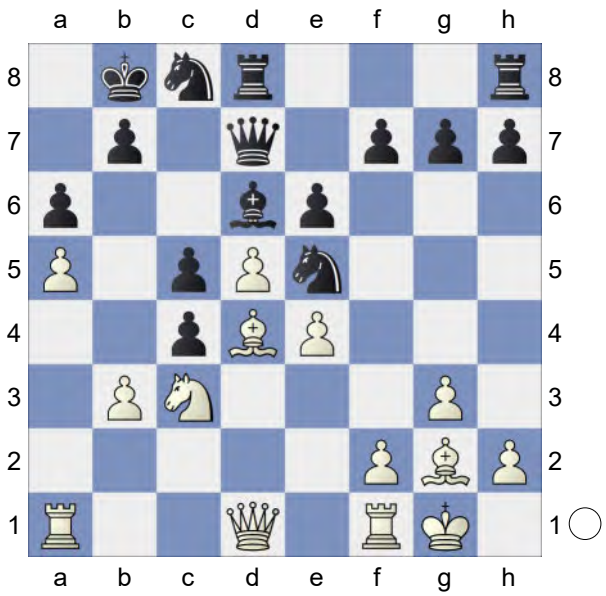
57 **E04**
□ **ToromBot** **3064**
■ **BitByByte** **2919**
Blitz 23.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bd7 6.Ne5 Bc6 7.Nxc6 Nxc6 8.0-0 Nd5
[8...Nxd4 9.Bxb7 Rb8 10.Bg2 Bc5 11.Nd2 c3 12.bxc3 Nb5 13.Qc2 0-0 14.a4 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Bd4 16.Qa3 Bxa1 17.Qxa1 c5 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Qd4 20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.f4 Rfc8 22.a5 a6 23.Bd3 1-0 (34) Gulko,B (2610)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) OHRA-A Amsterdam 1989]
[8...Qd7 9.e3 Nd5 10.Qe2 h5 11.Rd1 0-0-0 12.Nd2 e5 13.Nxc4 exd4 14.exd4 f6 15.Ne3 Nce7 16.Bd2 h4 17.Qf3 hxg3 18.hxg3 c6 19.Rac1 Kb8 20.Nc4 Nc8 21.Qb3 Re8 22.a4 Ncb6 23.Nxb6 ½-½ (38) Pang,Y (2289)-Panic,N (2230) German League (Game 10) 2006 (5)]
9.e3N White has compensation.
[9.Qa4 Qd6 10.Qxc4 Qb4 11.Qxb4 Ndxb4 12.Nc3 Nxd4 13.Bxb7 Rb8 14.Be4 f5 15.Be3 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 fxe4 17.Nc3 Nd5 18.Bd4 Nf6 19.Rfe1 Bb4 20.Re3 Chapter-Bogo Indian C5 B21) 9...♘a6]
9...a6 10.Nc3 Qd7 White is slightly better. **11.e4 Nb6 12.Be3** White stays focused until the end. **12...0-0-0** 1.19/17
[Better is 12...Bd6!± 0.49/16]
13.d5± Ne5 14.Bd4! Bd6 1.50/16
[14...Nd3± 0.67/17]
15.a4!↑ Black is under strong pressure.
15...Kb8 1.67/19
[15...Qe7± 0.94/18]
16.a5+- Nc8



17.b3!
[17.f4?! Nd3±]
17...c5 1.74/18
[17...f6± 1.08/18]

(Diagram)



18.Be3! cxb3 1.62/17
[18...exd5± 1.02/16 19.Nxd5 Ne7]
19.Qxb3 c4 20.Qa2 Qc7 1.87/17
[20...Qe7± 1.24/16 21.Rfd1 Qc7]
21.Rab1 h5 2.25/15
[21...Rd7± 1.33/16 22.Kh1 h6]
22.h4 Rhe8 2.28/17
[⩲22...Rd7 1.70/16 23.Rfc1 Re8 24.dxe6 fxe6]
23.Bf4 Rd7 24.Rfc1 Qc5 2.89/19
[⩲24...Red8 1.72/17]
25.Rc2 Qc7 2.99/20
[25...Ree7 1.99/17 was worth a try. 26.dxe6 *(26.Na4 Qxa5 27.Bd2 Qd8±)* 26...fxe6]
26.Rcb2 Qd8 27.dxe6 Rxe6 3.39/18
[27...fxe6 1.87/18 28.Rd2 Qf6]
28.Be3 Bf8 3.74/18
[⩲28...Be7 2.48/17 29.Nd5 Rc6]
29.Bh3 Nd3 30.Rc2 Nb4 31.Rxb4
[31.Qxc4? loses. Nxc2 32.Bf4+ Bd6 33.Bxe6 fxe6-+]
31...Bxb4 32.Bxe6
[32.Qxc4 Bd6 33.Bxe6 Rc7+-]
32...fxe6 33.Qxc4 Bxa5 34.Qxe6 Qe7? 5.82/20
[34...Nd6 3.56/19 35.Qe5 Qc7]
35.Qf5 Bxc3 36.Rxc3 b6 37.Kh2
[37.Qxh5 Qxe4 38.Bf4+ Kb7+-]
37...Kb7 38.e5
[Weaker is 38.Qxh5 Qxe4 39.Bf4 Na7±]
38...Rc7 39.Rxc7+ Qxc7 40.Qxh5 Endgame KQB-KQN. White is a pawn up. **40...Ne7 41.e6 Kc6 42.Qf7 b5 43.Bg5 Nd5 44.e7 Nxe7 45.Bxe7 Qe5 46.h5** Bb4 would now be deadly. **46...Qd5 47.Qxd5+ Kxd5** KB-K3P **48.Bf8 Ke6 49.Bxg7** White wants to mate with g4. KB-KPP **49...b4 50.g4** White mates. **50...a5 51.Ba1 Kf7 52.g5 b3 53.g6+ Ke7 54.h6 b2 55.Bxb2** KB-KP **55...a4 56.h7 a3 57.Bxa3+ Kf6 58.h8Q+ Kf5 59.g7 Ke4 60.g8Q Kd3 61.Qd5+ Ke2 62.Qb2+ Kf1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=1.18
63.Qh1#
1-0

59 **E04**
□ **Boller1910** **3062**
■ **pawn_git** **2711**
Blitz 04.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 a6 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e3 Bd7 8.Qe2 b5 9.b3 cxb3 10.axb3 Be7 11.Bb2 White has compensation. White is slightly better. **11...0-0 12.Rc1 Nb4 13.Ne5** Inhibits Bc6. **13...Nbd5**
[13...Rb8 14.Nd2 Rb6 15.Ndf3 Bc8 16.Ne1 Nd7 17.N5d3 Nxd3 18.Nxd3 Bd6 19.e4 Bb7 20.Nc5 Bc8 21.Rc2 c6 22.Qe3 Be7 23.Nd3 Bb7 24.Qe1 b4 25.Qe3 Rb5 26.h4 Ra5 27.Rd1

Qb6 28.Qe2 1-0 (43) Tomashevsky,E (2707)-Zhao,Z (2570) (m/1) 112/269 2011]

14.e4N

[14.Nd2 a5 15.Nc6 Bxc6 16.Rxc6 Bb4 17.Nb1 Rb8 18.e4 Ne7 19.Rc1 c6 20.Nc3 Qb6 21.Na2 c5 22.Nxb4 cxb4 23.d5 exd5 24.Bxf6 Qxf6 25.exd5 Rfd8 26.Rxa5 Qb6 27.Rca1 Nxd5 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 ½-½ (40) Ruff,U (2288)-8.f4 ♗d7 9.♘f3_76191 (2210) Magyarorszag 73/389 1998 (4) 29.Ra8 Rdd8 30.Qe4 Qc5 31.Rxb8 Rxb8 32.Ra8 Rf8 33.Rxf8+ Qxf8 34.Qc6 g6 35.Qxb5 Qd6 36.Qc4 h5 37.h4 Qd2 38.Kf1 Qd1+ 39.Kg2 Qe1 40.Qd5 Qc3 ½-½ Pubantz,J (2288)-Von Mettenheim,J (2210) Niedersachsen-ch 2023 (4)]

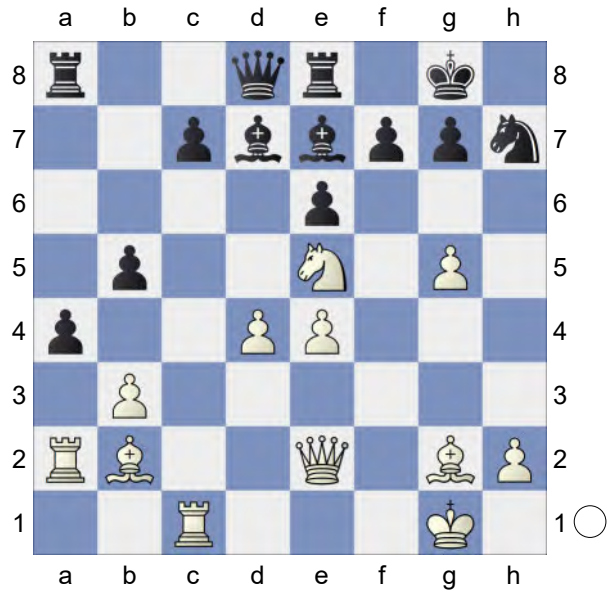
14...Nb4 15.Nc3 Re8 0.71/19

[15...Be8= 0.28/18 feels stronger.]

16.Na2 Nxa2 17.Rxa2 a5 18.g4! White is much more active. **18...h6 19.f4 a4** 1.42/18

[Black should play 19...Bd6± 0.54/17]

20.g5± hxg5 21.fxg5 Nh7



22.Nxf7 Decoy **22...Kxf7**

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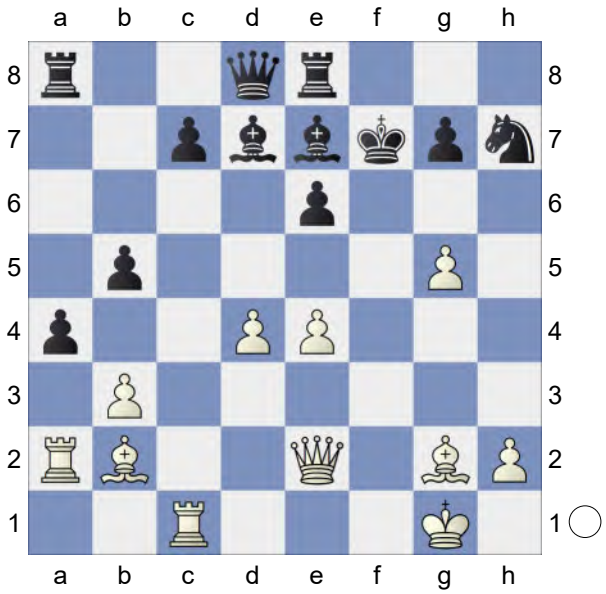
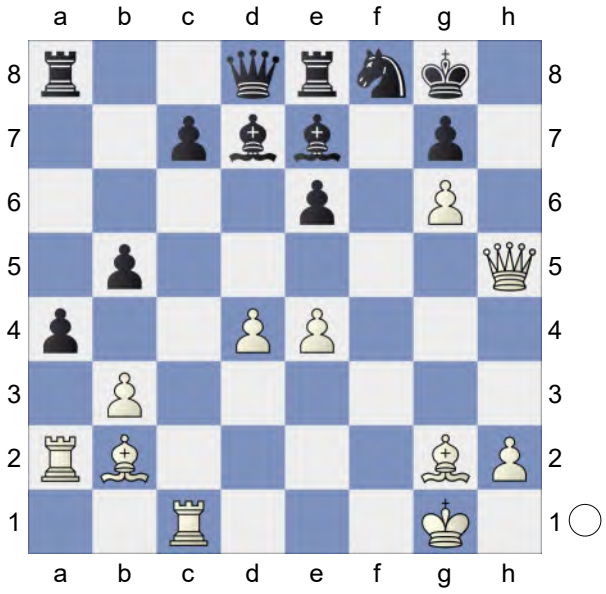


23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.g6 Nf8

[24...axb3 25.Qxh7+ Kf8 26.Qh8#]



Threatens to win with ...a3. **25.e5!** A mistake that costs the game.

25...Bb4? 6.07/21 **26.Bc3+- Bc6 27.Bxb4 Qxd4+ 28.Rf2 Nxg6 29.Qxg6**

[Not 29.Rxc6 Nf4 30.Qg4 axb3+-]

29...Rf8 30.Qxe6+ Kh7 31.Bxf8 Rxf8 32.Qh3+ Kg8 33.Rcf1 Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Qa1+ 35.Rf1 Qxe5 36.Bxc6 Qc5+ 37.Kh1 Qxc6+ 38.Qf3 Qe8 39.bxa4 bxa4 40.Rd1 c6 41.Qd3 Qe5

42.Qc4+ Kh7 43.Qh4+ Kg6 44.Qg3+ Qxg3 45.hxg3 Endgame KR-K3P **45...a3 46.Ra1 Kf5 47.Rxa3** KR-KPP **47...g5 48.g4+ Kxg4 49.Ra6 c5 50.Rc6 Kf3 51.Rxc5** KR-KP **51...g4 52.Kh2 g3+ 53.Kh3** Black must now prevent Rc4. **53...g2 54.Rg5 g1Q 55.Rxg1** KR-K **55...Kf4 56.Re1 Kf3 57.Re8** 6.58/5

[⌓57.Kh4 #12/20 Kf4 58.Re8 Kf5 59.Kg3 Kf6 60.Kf4 Kf7 61.Re3 Kg6 62.Re6+ Kg7 63.Kg5]

57...Kf4 58.Kg2 Kg4 59.Rf8 Kh4 60.Rg8 Kh5 61.Kf3 Kh4 62.Rg3 Kh5 63.Kf4 White wants to mate with Rg4. **63...Kh6 64.Kf5** White mates. **64...Kh7 65.Kf6 Kh8 66.Kf7 Kh7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.70

67.Rh3#

1-0

58 **E11**

□ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3062**

■ **IntegralBot** **3009**

Blitz 12.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Nc3

[9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Ba6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Rc8 14.Nc3 Ng4 15.h3 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 Bc5+ 17.Be3 Bxe3+ 18.Kxe3 b5 19.Qd3 Rc4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Qg5+ 22.Kf2 Qxe5 23.Bxc4 bxc4 ½-½ (31) Buchicchio,G (2800)-11... Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2803) B1) 11.Bc4 2003 (8)]

9...dxc4

[9...Bb7 10.Rfd1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bc3 Qc8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Bxf6 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qc6+ 20.Kg1 f6 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rfd8 23.Rd4 e5 24.Rd3 ½-½ (26) Lima,K (2068)-Lima,S (2312) Brasilia op 2025 (8)]

10.Ne5N

[10.e4 Nbd7 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Ba6 13.Neg5 g6 14.h4 Kg7 15.h5 c5 *(15...c3 16.bxc3 Bxf1 17.Bxf1 b5 18.Qe4 Qe8 19.Bd3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 h6 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nf3 N7b6 23.Kg2 h5 24.Rh1 Qf7 25.g4 Nc4 26.Bg5 Nxc3 27.Bf6+ Kg8 28.Qe1 Nd5 29.Ng5 Qd7 30.Bxg6* ½-½ (35) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Radjabov,T (2753) 10th Chess 2022 (9.2) *)* 16.Qe4 cxd4 17.Qg4 c3 18.hxg6 cxd2 19.Nxf7 Qc8 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.Bxd5 hxg6 22.Bxa8 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qxa8 24.Ng5 Bxg5 (31) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (2)]

10...Qxd4 11.Bf4 White is slightly better. **11...Qc5 12.Rfd1** White has compensation. **12...Nd5 13.Ne4 Qb5 14.Rd4** 0.01/15

[14.h4± 0.38/17]

14...Bb7 0.96/18

[14...Na6!= 0.01/15 remains equal.]

15.a4!↑ White is more active. White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **15...Qb3** 0.91/18

[15...Qa5± 0.48/19]

16.Qc1! Nxf4 17.gxf4 Ba6 18.Bf3! f6 1.68/20

[Black should play 18...Kh8± 0.61/17]

19.Nd2+- Qb4 20.Nd3 Qa5 1.88/18

[20...cxd3± 1.29/20 is a better defense. 21.Rxb4 Bxb4]

21.Nxc4 Qf5 22.Kh1! Qh3 23.a5 c5 24.Nxc5 Bxc5 25.Rd3 Qh4

and ...Qxf2! should not be overlooked
[25...Bxc4? 26.Qxc4 *(26.Bxa8? Bxd3 27.Bg2 Qh4-+)* 26...f5 27.b4 *(27.Bxa8 Qh6+-; 27.Qxe6+ Kh8+-)* 27...Bxf2 28.Qxe6+ *(28.Bxa8 Qh6+-)* 28...Kh8 29.Qe7+- *(29.Bxa8 Qh4+-)*]
26.axb6!
[26.Bxa8 Qxf2 27.Bf3 Rc8±]
26...axb6
[26...Bxc4? 27.b7 *(27.Bxa8? Bxd3 28.Qxc5 axb6-+; 27.Qxc4 axb6 28.Qxe6+ Kh8+-)* 27...Bxd3 *(27...Be3? 28.Rxe3 Nd7 29.bxa8Q+-)* 28.bxa8Q+- *(28.bxa8R? Qxf2 29.Qf1 Qxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Bg6-+)*]
27.Bxa8 Qxf2 28.Bf3 Kh8 1.88/20
[28...Qh4± 1.39/17]
29.Rc3 h6 2.33/19
[29...Rd8± 1.18/18]
30.Rb1 Bd4 2.78/20
[⌓30...Bb4 1.86/18]
31.Rc2 b5 3.19/22
[⌓31...f5 2.27/20 32.Qd1 *(32.Qe1 Qxe1+ 33.Rxe1 g5+-)* 32...Bxc4 33.Rxc4 Rd8]
32.Nd6 f5 33.Qe1 Qxe1+ 34.Rxe1 Be3 35.Rc7 Bxf4 36.Rd1 Kh7

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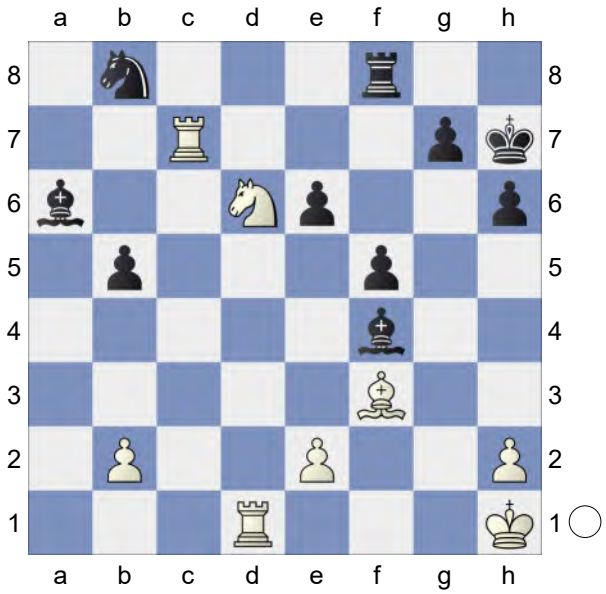

37.Re7! Rd8 38.Rxe6 Bc8 39.Re8 Rxe8 40.Nxe8 Bd7 41.Nd6 Kg6 42.Rd5 Against Be5 **42...Bc6 43.Rd1** -0.01/18
[43.Rxf5? Bxd6 44.Bxc6 Kxf5-+]
[43.Rd4+- 3.04/21 Be5 44.Rd2]
This costs Black the game. **43...Bd7!=** A strong pair of Bishops.
[43...Bxf3+? 44.exf3 Kf6 45.Nxb5+-]
44.e4 fxe4 45.Nxe4
[Don't play 45.Bxe4+?! Kf6 46.Bf3 Ke7±]
45...Be5 46.b3 Bc6 47.Kg2
[47.Nd2 Kf7 48.Rc1 Bd7±]
47...Na6 4.79/22
[⌓47...b4 3.00/18 48.Rc1 Bxe4 49.Bxe4+ Kf6]
48.Ng3+- Bxf3+ 49.Kxf3 Endgame KRN-KBN **49...Nc5 50.b4 Na6**

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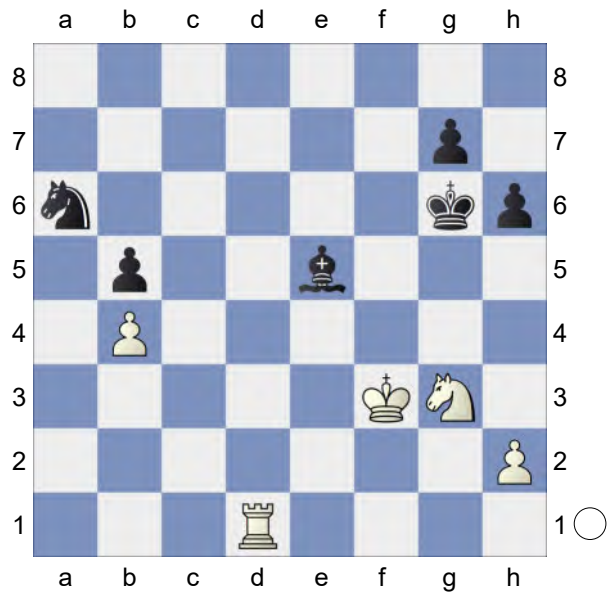
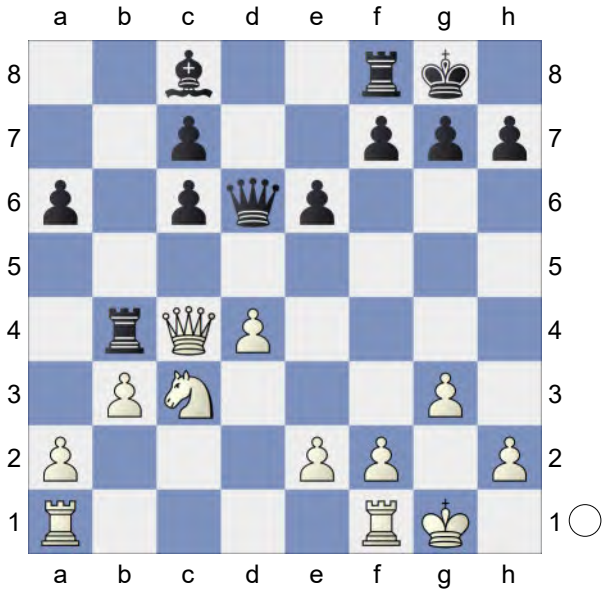


51.Rd5!
[51.Rb1 Bd6±]
51...Bxg3 52.hxg3
[Less strong is 52.Kxg3 Nxb4 53.Rxb5 Nc2+-]
52...Nxb4 53.Rxb5 KR-KN **53...Na2 54.Ke3** Strongly threatening Kd2. **54...Nc3 55.Rc5 Na2 56.Kd2 h5 57.Rb5 Kh6 58.Rb2 Kh7 59.Rxa2** KR-KPP **59...g6 60.Ra6** White mates. **60...Kg7 61.Kd3 g5 62.Ke4 Kf7 63.Kf5 Ke7 64.Kxg5 Kd7 65.Kxh5** KR-K **65...Kc7 66.g4 Kb7 67.Rf6 Kc7 68.g5 Kd7 69.g6 Ke7 70.Kg5 Kd8 71.g7 Ke8 72.g8Q+ Kd7 73.Qg7+ Kc8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.64
74.Rf8#
1-0

60 **E04**
□ **caissa-x** **3061**
■ **weiawaga** **2724**
Rapid 09.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+2sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8 10.Nc3 a6 11.Ne5 aiming for a3. **11...0-0** aiming for ...b5. **12.Bxc6 Nxc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6** The position is equal. **14.Qxc4 Qd6 15.b3 Rb4**



16.Ne4! Qxd4
[16...Rxc4 17.Nxd6 Rxd4 18.Nc4 e5 19.Rfc1 f6 20.Kf1 Rd5 21.Ke1 Be6 22.Rc2 Rc5 23.Rac1 Rd8 24.Nd2 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 Rd6 26.Ne4 Bf5 27.Nxd6 Bxc2 28.Ne8 a5 29.Kd2 Bf5 30.Nxc7 Kf7 31.Na6 Ke7 32.Nc5 1-0 (80) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Vokhidov,S (2601) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2023 (9)]
17.Qxd4 Rxd4 18.f3 f5N
[18...Rfd8 19.Rfc1 e5 20.Rc5 f6 21.Kf2 Bf5 22.Nc3 R4d6 23.g4 Bd7

24.Rc1 h6 25.Ra5 Bc8 26.Ke3 Rd2 27.h4 Kf7 28.Ne4 R2d5 29.Rxd5 cxd5 30.Rxc7+ Ke6 31.Ng3 Bd7 32.Ra7 Kd6 33.Rxa6+ 1-0 (44) Heckmann,T (1704)-Hueser,U (1671) corr OS-460 BDF 2021 Kc7 34.b4 d4+ 35.Kd2 Bb5 36.Ra5 Bc6 37.a4 d3 38.Rc5 dxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Kb7 40.b5 Be8 41.a5 Bg6 42.Nf5 Bxf5 43.gxf5 Rd4 44.Rc6 1-0 Holzklau,I (1704)-Boiko,V (1671) corr FRA-USA 2010]

19.Nc5 White has compensation. **19...Rfd8 20.Nd3 a5 21.Rfc1 R8d6 22.Rc2** 0.09/18

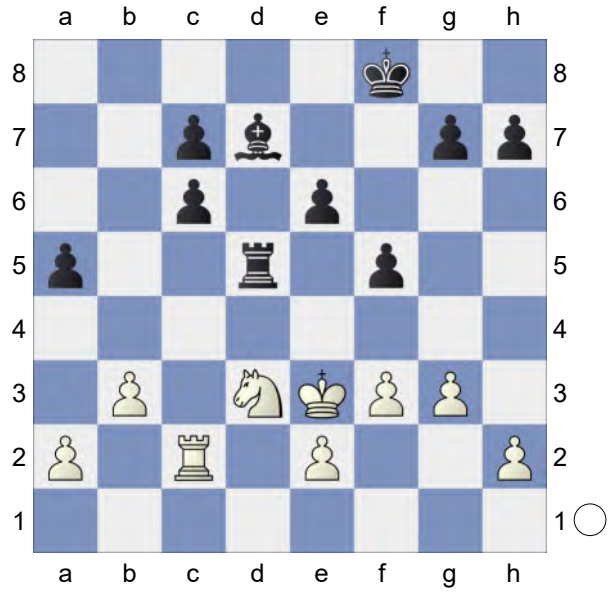
[22.Kf2± 0.50/17]

22...Kf8 0.53/20

[22...Kf7= 0.09/18]

23.Kf2 Ba6 24.Nc5 Bc8 25.Rac1 Rd2 26.Ke3 Rxc2 27.Rxc2= Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **27...Rd5 28.Nd3 Bd7** 0.97/22

[28...Ke7!± 0.40/20]



29.Kd2!± Ke7 30.e4 fxe4 31.fxe4 Rb5 1.33/20

[⌓31...Rh5 0.73/20]

32.e5

[Much weaker is 32.Rc5?! e5±] Loses the game. **32...Rd5?** 2.93/20

[32...Be8± 1.05/19]

33.Rc5+- Bc8 3.03/21

[⌓33...h5 2.14/21]

34.Kc3

[34.Rxc6 Kd7 35.Rc3 Ba6∓]

34...Rxc5+? 9.33/17

[34...Kd7 1.64/20]

35.Nxc5 KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **35...Kf7 36.b4 axb4+ 37.Kxb4 Kg6 38.Kc3 Kh6 39.a4 Kg5 40.a5 Kg4 41.Kd4 Kg5 42.a6 Bxa6 43.Nxa6** KN-KP **43...Kf5 44.h3 h5 45.Nc5 g6 46.h4 g5 47.hxg5** Deflection **47...Kxg5 48.Nxe6+** KN-K3P **48...Kf5 49.Nc5 Kg6 50.e6 Kg7 51.Ke5 Kg6 52.Nd7 Kg7 53.Kf5** White wants to mate with Ne5. **53...h4 54.gxh4** KN-KPP. White mates. **54...c5 55.h5 c6 56.Kg5 c4 57.h6+ Kg8 58.Kg6 c5 59.e7 c3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.96

60.e8Q#

1-0

61 **E06**

□ **ToromBot** **3060**

■ **YukariBot** **2527**

Blitz 11.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min+5sec E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Bf4 dxc4 8.Ne5 Nd5 9.Nxc4 Nxf4 The position is equal. **10.gxf4 Nd7 11.e3**

[11.Nbd2 Nf6 12.e3 Bd7 13.Rc1 Nd5 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Ne4 Be8 17.Bh3 Bf8 18.Kh1 Qe7 19.Rg1 f6 20.Nf3 Bf7 21.Qc2 Kh8 22.Qe2 Rac8 23.a3 a5 24.Ng3

Qe8 25.f5 exf5 0-1 (41) Dubov,D (2683)-Tomashevsky,E (2713) RUS-ch 70th St Petersburg 2017 (5)]

11...Kh8N

[11...Nb6 12.Nbd2 Bd7 *(12...Nd5 13.Rc1 f6 14.Ne4 b6 15.Kh1 Bb7 16.Rg1 Rc8 17.Qh5 Rc7 18.f5 exf5 19.Bh3 Bc8 20.Ng3 Qe8 21.Qf3 g6 22.Nxf5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5 Kh8 24.Rxg6 hxg6 25.Rg1 Rg8 26.Qh3+* 1-0 (27) Murzin,V (2657)-Sjugirov,S (2643) Tashkent Al Beruniy-A 2nd 2025 (1) *)* 13.Rc1 Be8 14.Kh1 Kh8 15.Rg1 Rg8 16.Ne4 Nxc4 17.Rxc4 Rc8 18.Rc1 b6 19.Bf3 f6 20.Qb3 Qd7 21.Rgd1 Bf7 22.Qa4 Rc7 23.Rc3 Rgc8 24.Ng3 g6 25.Rdc1 Be8 26.Qb3 ½-½ (30) Murzin,V (2588)-Giri,A (2678) Wch Rapid New York 2024 (8)]

[11...f6 12.Nc3 Nb6 13.b3 Nd5 14.Qc2 Qe8 15.Ne4 Qh5 16.Qd1 Qh6 17.Kh1 b6 18.Rg1 Bb7 19.Rc1 Rad8 20.Qf3 g6 21.Qg3 Ba8 22.a4 Rd7 23.a5 c5 24.dxc5 bxc5 25.h3 Nb4 26.Kh2 1-0 (65) Samadov,R (2482)-Huston,G (2341) Biel HTO 56th 2023 (5)]

12.Nbd2 Rb8 13.a3 a5 14.Rc1 b5 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 b4 0.69/20

[16...f6!= 0.18/19]

17.a4!± White is more active. **17...Ba6 18.Re1** This move loses the game for Black. **18...c5?** 2.09/21 **19.dxc5+- Qc7 20.Ne4!**

[20.c6 Rfd8±]

20...Qxe5 2.02/20

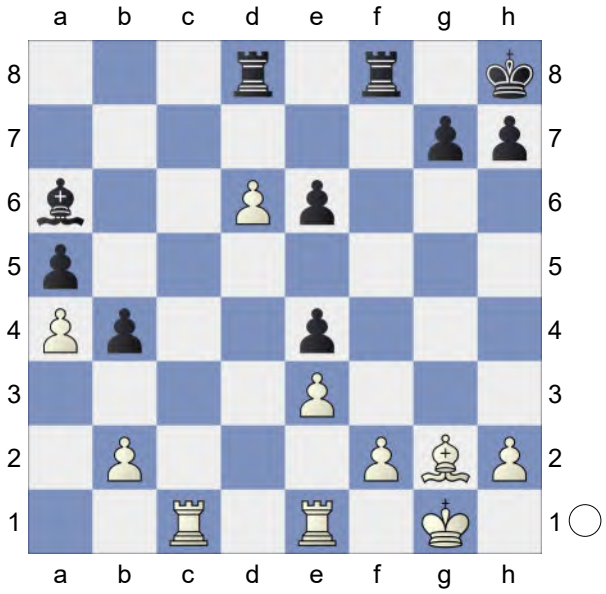
[20...b3± 1.51/18]

21.Qd7 f5 3.08/19

[⌓21...Rb7 1.66/19 22.Qc6 *(22.Qd4 Qxd4 23.exd4 b3±)* 22...Ra7]

22.Qxe7 fxe4 23.Qd6 Qxd6 24.cxd6 Rbd8 3.30/20

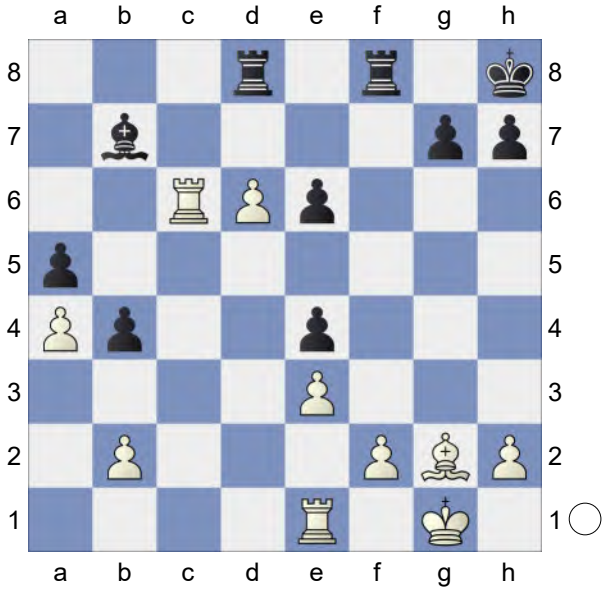
[⌓24...Bb7 2.09/19 25.Rc7 Kg8]



25.Rc6!

[25.Bxe4 Rxd6 26.Red1 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 g6=]

25...Bb7



26.Rb6 Bd5 27.Rc1 Kg8 28.Bf1 Hoping for Bb5. **28...Rf6?** 4.27/18

[28...Kf7 2.61/20 29.Rc7+ Kf6]

29.Rc5 Rg6+ 30.Bg2 Rf6 5.56/20

[⌓30...Kf7 3.93/19 31.Rxa5 Kf6]

31.Rxa5 White is clearly winning. **31...b3** 7.22/19

[⌓31...Rc8 4.83/20 32.h4 *(32.Rxb4? is a self mate. Rc1+ 33.Bf1 Rg6+ Deflection 34.Kh1 Rxf1#; 32.Bf1? Rg6+ 33.Kh1 Rc1-+)* 32...Rc1+ 33.Kh2 Rxf2 34.Rb8+ *(34.Rxb4 Rc8+-; 34.d7 Rf8±)* 34...Rf8]

32.Rc5 Rf7 33.Rc7

[Not 33.a5 Rfd7 34.Rbb5 Rxd6=]

33...Rdf8 34.Rxf7 Kxf7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.76

35.a5

1-0

62 **E08**

□ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3059**

■ **Fruity23** **3065**

Blitz 23.01.2025

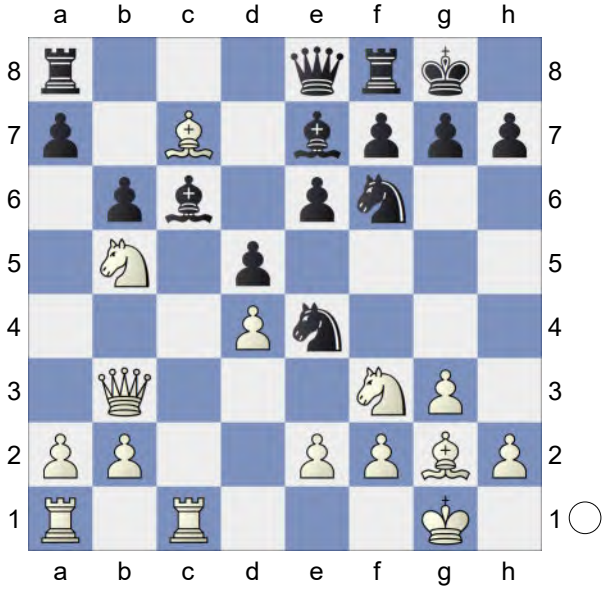
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 b6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Bc7 Qe8 13.Qb3 Ne4 14.Nc3 Ndf6N

[14...Rc8 15.Nb5 Ndc5 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Be5 c4 18.Qa4 f6 19.Bd4 e5 20.Bxa7 Nd6 21.Nc3 Qxa4 22.Nxa4 Ra8 23.Bc5 Rxa4 24.Nd2 e4 *(24...Rb8 25.b3 cxb3 26.axb3 Rxa1 27.Rxa1 Kf7 28.b4 Ra8 29.Rxa8 Bxa8 30.Nb3 Nb5 31.Kf1 Bxc5 32.Nxc5 Ke7 33.Ke1 Kd6 34.Kd2 Nd4 35.Nd3 Nc6 36.Kc3 e4 37.Nc5 d4+ 38.Kc4 f5 39.b5* 0-1 (56) Studer,N (2580)-Keymer,V (2558) Biel (rapid) 145/166 2020 *d3 40.exd3 Ne5+ 41.Kd4 e3 42.Bf1 Nf3+ 43.Kxe3 Nxh2 44.Be2 Kxc5 45.d4+ Kd6 46.f3 g5 47.Bd3 Ke6 48.Bc4+ Kf6 49.Be2 h5 50.b6 Bb7 51.f4 Ng4+ 52.Kd2 gxf4 53.gxf4 h4 54.Bf1* (56) Chapter E00-Games Chapter E00 Game 7*)* 25.b3 cxb3 26.axb3 Rxa1 27.Rxa1 Ra8 28.Rxa8+ Bxa8 29.b4 ½-½ (32) Peterc,C-Enkalo,M corr 145/(166) 2019 Kf7 30.Nb3 Nb5 31.e3 Bxc5 32.Nxc5 Bc6 X-X 8.♕c2 ♘5f6 9.e4-Salguero,F Australian Open 2004]

15.Nb5 White is slightly better. **15...Bc6**



16.Nxa7 Decoy **16...Rxa7 17.Qxb6**

[17.Bxb6 Rb7 *(17...Ba4? 18.Qe3-+)* 18.a4 Bxa4 19.Qxa4 *(19.Rxa4?* perishes. *Rxb6* Deflection *20.Qxb6 Qxa4-+)* 19...Qxa4 *(19...Rxb6? 20.Rc2-+)* 20.Rxa4 Rxb6-+]

17...Rb7 18.Qxc6 Qxc6 19.Rxc6 Rc8! 20.Rac1 Rxb2 21.Ne5 Rxe2 22.f3 Ba3! 23.Ba5 Rxc6 24.Rxc6 Nd6 Prevents Rc8+. **25.Ra6**

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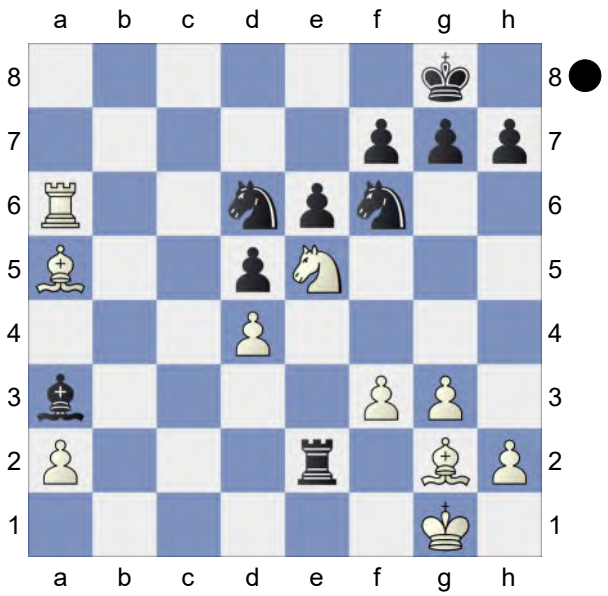
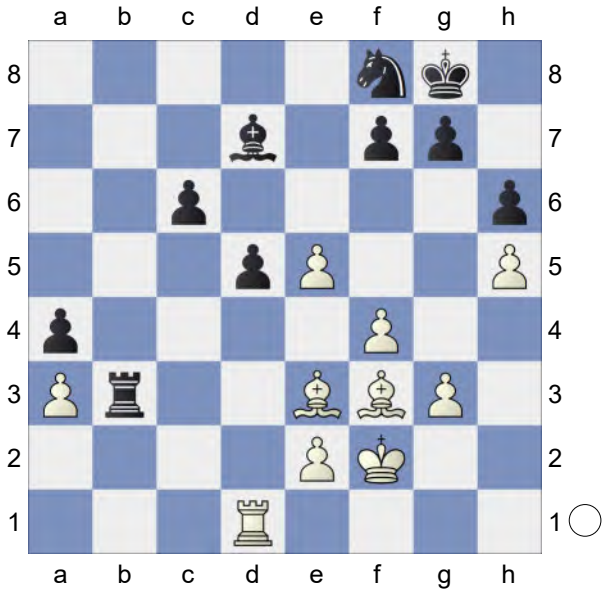


Rxa2 26.Bf1 Bb2! 27.Rxd6 Bxd4+ 28.Kh1 White threatens Rd8+ and mate. **28...g5!** The position is equal. **29.Rd8+ Kg7 30.Nc6 Bc5 31.Bc3 Rc2! 32.Be5 Rc1 33.Kg2 Rc2+ 34.Kh1 Rc1! 35.Kg2** Nd4 would now be deadly. **35...Rc2+** An even fight not without its subleties.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
36.Kh1
½-½

63 **A53**
□ **SolistaBot** **3057**
■ **BitByByte** **2829**
Blitz 23.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E10: Blumenfeld Gambit
1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 h6 8.Qb3 White is slightly better. **8...a5 9.Rd1 c6 10.c5 Bxc3 11.bxc3**
[11.Qxc3 b6±]
11...Nbd7 12.c4 White is more active. **12...b6** 1.22/19
[⌓12...Re8 0.82/18]
13.cxd5!± exd5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.cxb6 Qxb6 17.Qc3 Re8 18.Be3↑ White is on the roll. **18...Qa6 19.f4 Nf8** 1.60/17 Black is weak on the dark squares
[⌓19...Rb8 0.71/17]
20.Bf3 Bd7 21.Rac1 a4 22.Qa3 Qa5 23.h4 Reb8 24.Kf2 Rb5 2.11/17
[24...Rb7± 1.45/17 25.Rb1 Rab8 26.Rxb7 Rxb7]
25.h5+- Qb4? 3.02/19
[25...Qd8± 1.47/16 26.Rb1 Rxb1 27.Rxb1 Qc8]
26.Qxb4 Rxb4 27.Rb1 Rab8 28.Rxb4 Rxb4 29.a3 Rb3



30.Rd4! Rxa3 31.Rb4 Ra2? 4.65/20
[31...Rb3 2.46/19 32.Rxa4 c5]
32.Bc5 Ne6 33.Bd6 Kh7 34.Rb7 Bc8 35.Rxf7 Nd4 36.Ra7 Nxe2? 6.32/20
[36...Rb2 3.57/18 37.e6 *(37.Rxa4 Nxe2 38.Rb4 Nxf4+ 39.Rxb2 Nd3+ 40.Ke3 Nxb2=)* 37...Nxe6 38.Rxa4 Rb7]
37.Bxe2 Bg4

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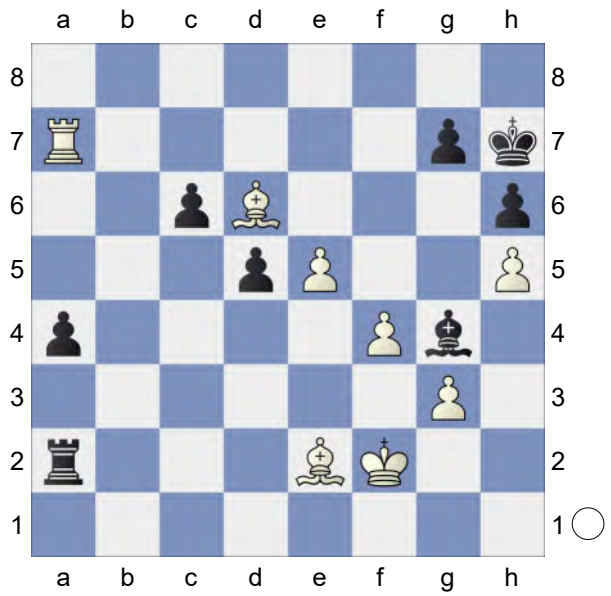

38.f5! **Rxe2+** Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up. **39.Kf1** **Kg8** **40.f6** **gxf6** **41.exf6** **Bxh5** **42.f7+!** Deflection
[42.Rxa4 Re6 43.Be7 Re3∓]
42...Bxf7 **43.Kxe2** **Kg7** **44.Be5+** **Kg6** **45.g4** and Kf3! should not be overlooked **45...c5** **46.Kf3** Threatening mate with Kf4!. **46...d4** **47.Kf4** **a3** **48.Rxa3** **Kh7** **49.Kf5** **Bd5** **50.Ra7+** **Kg8** **51.Bd6** **Bc6** **52.Kf6** **d3** **53.Rg7+**
[Weaker is 53.Bxc5 d2 54.Ra1 Ba4±]
53...Kh8 **54.Kf7** White mates.
[Inferior is 54.Bxc5 d2 55.Rf7 Bd5= *(55...d1R 56.Re7±; 55...d1Q 56.Rf8+ Kh7 57.Rf7+ Kg8 58.Rf8+ Kh7 59.Rf7+ Kg8 60.Rf8+ Kh7=)*]
54...Be8+

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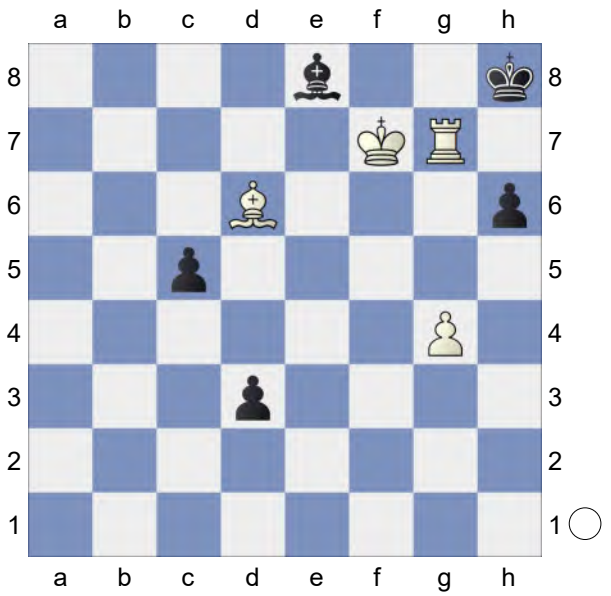

55.Kf8! **Bg6** **56.Be5** **d2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.50
57.Rd7#
1-0

65 **E04**
□ **ArasanX** **3056**
■ **duchessAI** **2862**
Rapid 09.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 **Nf6** **2.c4** **e6** **3.g3** **d5** **4.Nf3** **dxc4** **5.Bg2** **Bb4+** **6.Bd2** **c5** **7.Bxb4** **cxb4** **8.Ne5** Dodges Nc6 **8...0-0** White has an edge. **9.a3** **Nd5** **10.Nxc4** **b5** **11.Ne3** **Bb7** **12.Nxd5** **Bxd5** **13.e4** **Bb7** **14.0-0!**
[14.axb4 Nc6∓]
14...bxa3 **15.Nxa3** **a6** **16.d5N**
[16.Nc2]
16...Qf6 **17.Rc1** **exd5!** **18.exd5** **Qxb2**

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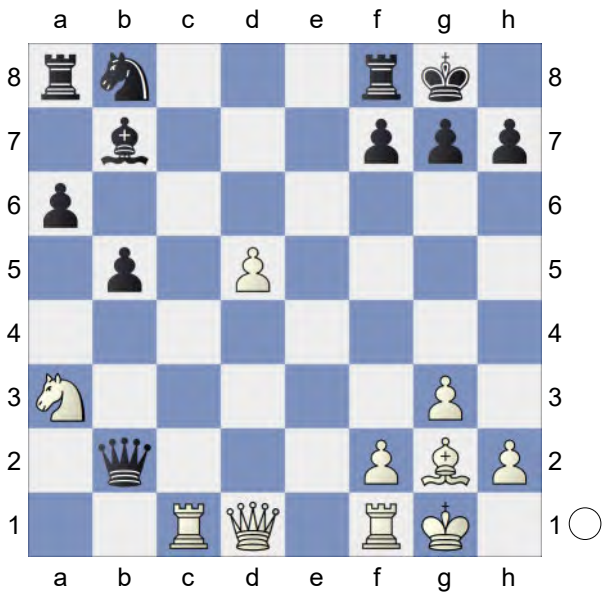

19.Nc4 bxc4 20.Rb1! Deflection **20...Qa3 21.Rxb7 Qd6 22.Qa4 Rd8 23.Rc1 Nd7 24.Qxc4**
[24.Rxc4? Nb6 25.Rxb6 Qxb6∓]
24...a5 Black is weak on the light squares **25.Qc7 Qxc7 26.Rcxc7 a4! 27.d6↑** White has some pressure.
[27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.Rxd7 a3-+]
27...a3 28.Bd5
[28.Rxd7? Rxd7 29.Rxd7 a2 30.Bxa8 a1Q+ *(30...a1B 31.Rd8#)* 31.Kg2 Qxa8+-+]
28...Ne5 and ...a2! would now be decisive
[28...a2? 29.Bxa2 *(29.Rxd7? a1Q+ 30.Kg2 Rxd7-+)* 29...Rxa2 30.Rxd7±]
29.Re7 a2 30.Bxa2 Rxa2 31.Rxe5= Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. White now steadily converts the win.
31...Ra6? 4.77/23
[31...h6= 0.09/23 and Black stays safe.]

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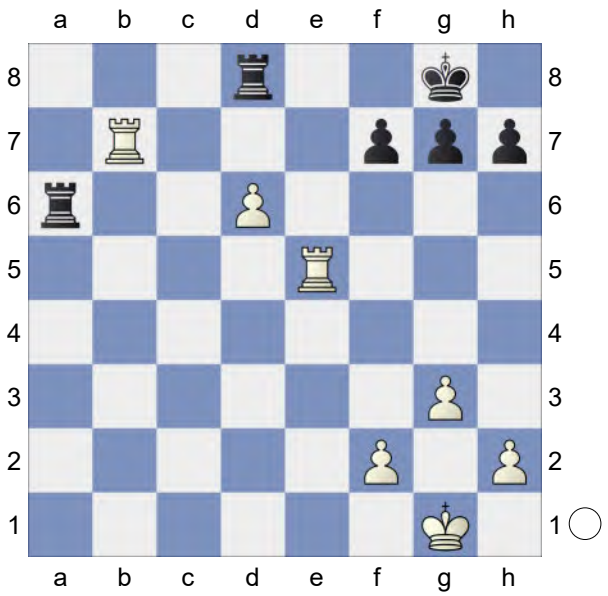
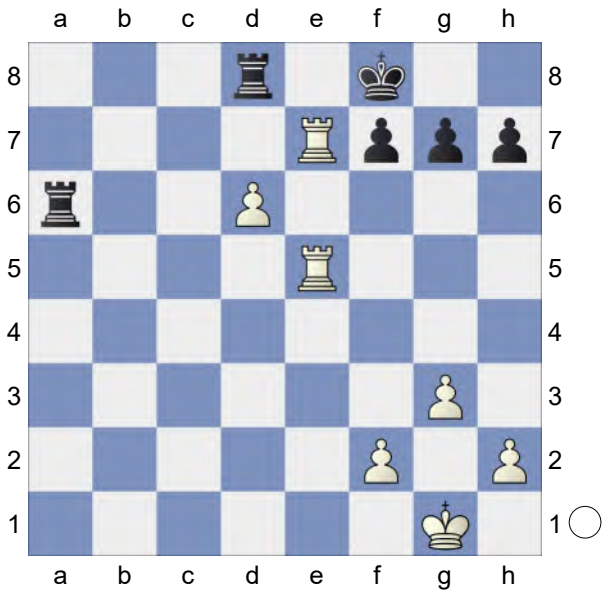


32.Rbe7!+-
[32.d7 Kf8=]
32...Kf8



Prevents Re8+. **33.Rf5! f6 34.Rb5** Threatens to win with Rbb7. **34...h5 35.Rbb7**
[35.Rxh5 Rdxd6 36.Re1 Ra2±]
35...g5 36.Rf7+ Kg8 37.Rg7+
[37.Rxf6 Raxd6 38.Rf5 Rd1+ 39.Kg2 R1d5+-]
37...Kh8 38.Rh7+ Kg8 39.Rbg7+
[39.Rxh5 Raxd6 40.Rhh7 Rd5 41.Rbg7+ Kf8 42.Rf7+ Kg8

43.Rhg7+ Kh8 44.Rh7+ Kg8 45.Rfg7+ Kf8±]

39...Kf8 40.d7 Rd6 41.Re7 Kg8 42.Kg2

[42.Rxh5 R6xd7 43.Rhh7 Rxe7 44.Rxe7 Kf8=]

42...g4 43.Rhg7+

[43.Rxh5 R6xd7 44.Re6 Kg7±]

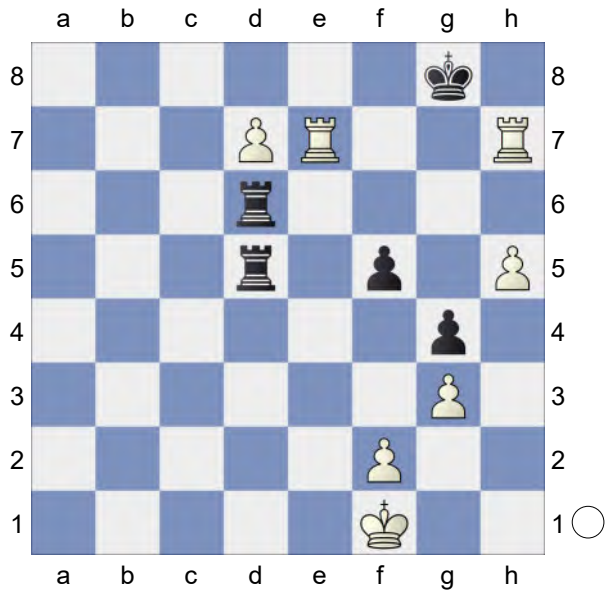
43...Kh8 44.Rh7+? -0.01/5

[White should play 44.Rgf7+- 8.58/28 White wants to mate with Re8+. Kg8 45.Rg7+ Kh8 46.Rgf7]

44...Kg8= 45.h4

[Weaker is 45.Rxh5 R6xd7 46.Rxd7 Rxd7±]

45...Rd5 46.Rhg7+ Kh8 47.Kf1 Rd2 48.Ke1 Rd6 49.Ke2 Ra8 50.Rh7+ Kg8 51.Rxh5 Ra2+ 52.Kf1 Rad2 53.Rhh7 R2d5 54.h5 f5



55.d8Q+! Rxd8 56.Reg7+ Kf8 57.h6 White mates. **57...Rd1+ 58.Kg2 Rg1+ 59.Kxg1 Rd1+ 60.Kg2 Rg1+ 61.Kxg1 f4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.64

62.Rh8#

1-0

64 **E00**

□ **ToromBot** **3056**

■ **IntegralBot** **2994**

Blitz 16.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 dxc4 6.Bg2 The position is equal. **6...b5** Against Qa4 **7.0-0 0-0 8.a3**

[8.Ne5 Nd5 9.a4 c6 10.Ne4 f6 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.b3 c3 13.Qd3 a5 14.axb5 cxb5 15.Qxb5 Ba6 16.Qc6 Qe7 17.Bh3 Rfe8 18.Re1 N5b6 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Qxc5 Bxc5 22.Rxa5 Bb4 1-0 (32) Narayanan,S (2559)-Seo,J (2494) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Early blitz 2023 (6)]

8...Be7 9.b3 cxb3 10.Qxb3N

[10.Nxb3 Bb7 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.Qc1 h6 13.Bd2 Bd5 14.Qb2 Qb8 15.Rfc1 Rc8 16.Bb4 Bd6 17.Rab1 Qb6 18.Nc5 a5 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Bxd6 cxd6 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Qxb5 Rc1+ 23.Bf1 Rxb1 24.Qxd7 Bxf3 0-1 A,S (1894)-Shamshin,R (206 (2063) 144/192 Belgrad 2020 (5) 25.exf3 Qa6 0-1 Molenaar,T (1894)-Romkes,A (2063) Hoorn Romero op 2023 (5)]

10...a6 11.a4 bxa4 12.Qxa4 Ra7 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.e4 c5 15.dxc5

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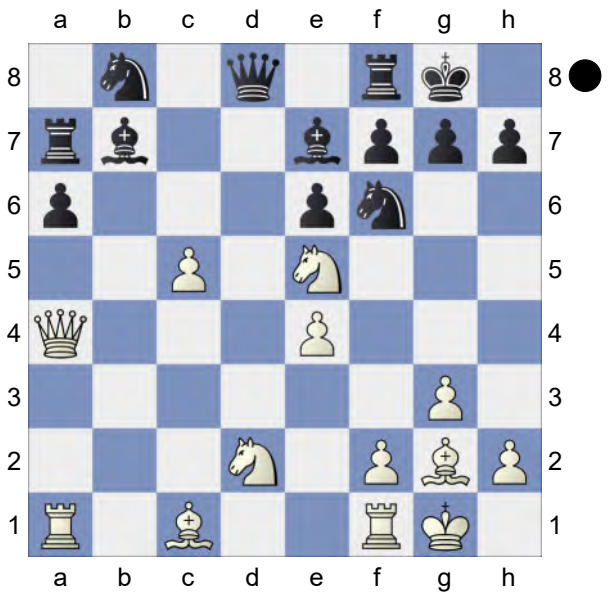
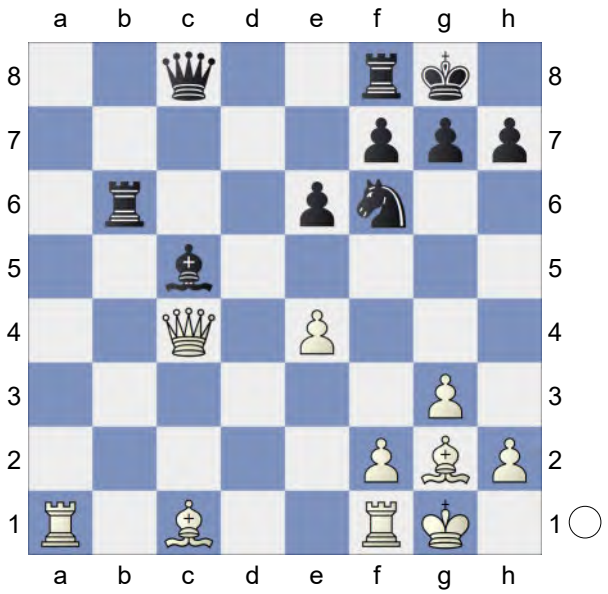


Black must now prevent c6. **15...Nbd7 16.c6 Nxe5 17.cxb7 Rxb7 18.Qxa6 Rb6 19.Qe2 Bc5 20.Nc4 Nxc4 21.Qxc4 Qc8**



and ...Bxf2+! would now be decisive **22.Qe2 Bd4 23.Ra2 e5 24.Rc2 Qb8 25.Bf3 h6 26.Rd1 Rc8 27.Rxc8+ Qxc8 28.Be3 Bxe3 29.Qxe3 Rc6 30.h4 Kh7 31.h5 Qh3 32.Qe2 Rc3 33.Rd2**

[33.Rd6 simplifies Rc1+ 34.Rd1 Rxd1+ 35.Qxd1 Qd7 36.Qe1]

33...g6 34.hxg6+ Kxg6 35.Rc2

[35.Rd3 Rc1+ 36.Rd1 Rc3 37.Rd3]

35...Rxc2

[35...Ra3 keeps more tension. 36.Qd1 Qe6 37.Rc7 Ra2]

36.Qxc2= Endgame KQB-KQN **36...Qd7 37.Qe2 Qe6 38.Qb2 Nh7 39.Qe2 Nf6 40.Kh2 Kg7 41.Qd1 Qc4 42.Bg2 Qa2 43.Kg1 Qc4 44.Kh2 Qc5 45.Qe2 Qc6 46.Qd2 Qd7 47.Qxd7 Nxd7 48.Kh3** A balanced but interesting game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

48...Nc5

½-½

66	**E08**
☐ **M-Z_Bot**	**3055**
■ **PetersBot**	**3011**
Blitz	02.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+3sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2 b6 8.Rd1 Bb7 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Nc3 Ba6 11.Bb2 dxc4 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Ne4 b5N

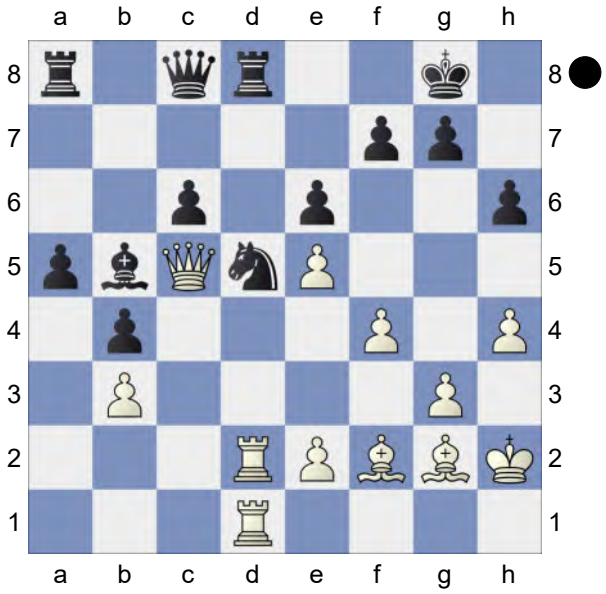
[14...cxb3 15.axb3 Qc8 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.exd6 f5 18.e4 fxe4 19.Bxe4 h6 20.d7 Qb7 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qxh6 Qxd7 25.Bf5+ 1-0 Lazavik,D (2572)-Raczek,K (2428) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early blitz 2025 (6)]

15.Bd4 Qc7 16.Nc5 cxb3 17.axb3 Bb7 18.h4 White has compensation. **18...Rfd8 19.f4 a5 20.Kh2 b4 21.Qc4**

[21.Rac1!?]

21...Qc8 The position is equal. **22.Bg1**

h6 23.Bf2 Bxc5 24.Qxc5 Ba6! 25.Rd2 Bb5 26.Rad1



Re8 27.e4 Nc3 28.Re1 Qb8 29.f5 Ba6! 30.Bh3 Bc8 31.f6 Qb5! 32.Qd6 Ba6 33.Bc5 Qb8 34.fxg7

[34.Qxc6? perishes. Bb7 *(34...Qxe5 35.fxg7 Bb5 36.Qb6∓)* 35.Qd6 Nxe4 36.Rxe4 Bxe4-+]

34...Rd8 35.Qf8+ Rxf8 36.gxf8Q+

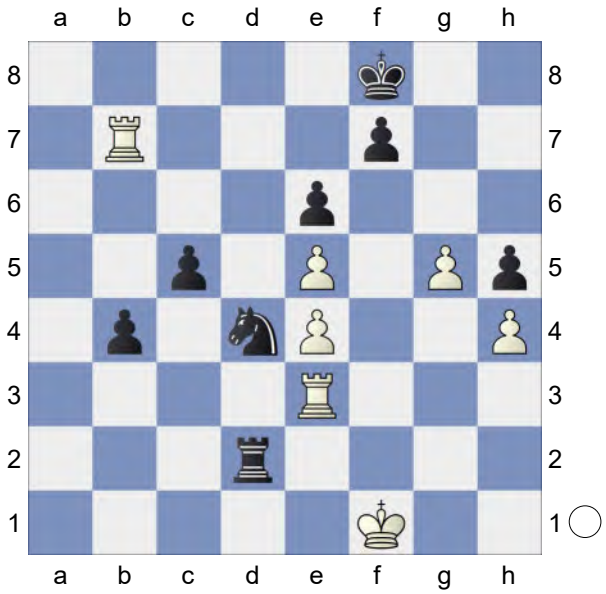
[36.gxf8R+ simplifies Qxf8 37.Bxf8 Kxf8 38.Bf1]

36...Qxf8 37.Bxf8 Kxf8 38.Bf1 Ke7 39.Rf2 Kf8 40.g4 Bb5 41.Rd2 a4 42.bxa4 Bxa4 43.Rd7 Rc8 44.Ra7 Rd8 Prevents Bd3. **45.Re3** Strongly threatening Rf3. **45...Rd2+ 46.Kg1 Bd1** Dodges Rf3 **47.Rc7 Be2 48.Rb7 c5**

[48...Bxg4 49.Rb8+ Kg7 50.Rxb4 Ne2+ 51.Bxe2 Rxe2 52.Rxe2 Bxe2 53.Kf2+-]

49.Bxe2 Nxe2+= Endgame KRR-KRN **50.Kf1 Nd4 51.g5 h5**

(Diagram)



52.g6! fxg6 53.Rg3 b3! 54.Rc3 b2 and ...Rd1+ would now be decisive **55.Rxc5 Rd1+ 56.Kg2**

[56.Kf2!? Rc1□ *(56...b1B 57.Rc8#)* 57.Ra5=]

56...Rc1 57.Ra5 Ra1! 58.Rc5 Rc1 59.Ra5 Intending Ra8+ and mate. **59...Ra1! 60.Rc5** A balanced but interesting game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

60...Rc1

½-½

68 **E04**

□ **ArasanX** **3054**

■ **Lynx_BOT** **2748**

Rapid 09.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3

Damljanovic,B: 'Inf 98/378' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc2 Bxd2+**

[7...c5 feels hotter. 8.Qxc4 b6 9.dxc5 Ba6]

8.Qxd2 Bd7 9.Ne5 White is slightly better. **9...Bc6 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Na3 Qd7N** 1.02/16

[11...0-0± 0.54/18 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.0-0 Qb4 14.Qc1 Nd5 15.Nxc4 Rfd8 16.a3 Qb5 17.Rd3 a4 18.Rfd1 Na5 19.Nxa5 Qxa5 20.e4 Ne7 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Qb6 23.Qe3 Qxe3 24.fxe3 Kf8 25.d6 cxd6 26.Rxd6 Nc6 1-0 (64) Dyer,I (2625)-Filippov,L (2638) 88th ch-FRA 2013 27.Bxc6 Rxd6 28.Rxd6 bxc6 29.Rxc6 Rb8 30.Rc2 Ke7 31.Kf2 Ke6 32.Ke2 Rb7 33.Rd2 Ke5 34.h4 f5 35.Kf3 g6 36.Rd4 Rxb2 37.Rxa4 Ra2 38.e4 Ra1 39.Ra5+ Kf6 40.Ra6+ Ke5 41.Ra5+ Kf6 1-0 (64) Damljanovic,B (2625)-Korneev,O (2638) 98/378 Vrsac 2006]

12.Nxc4± Nxd4 1.48/23

[Black should try 12...0-0 0.92/17]

13.0-0-0!

[13.Bxb7?! Rd8 14.Qc3 *(14.Nxa5? Nf3+* Discovered Attack *15.Bxf3 Qxd2+-+)* 14...Qb5=]

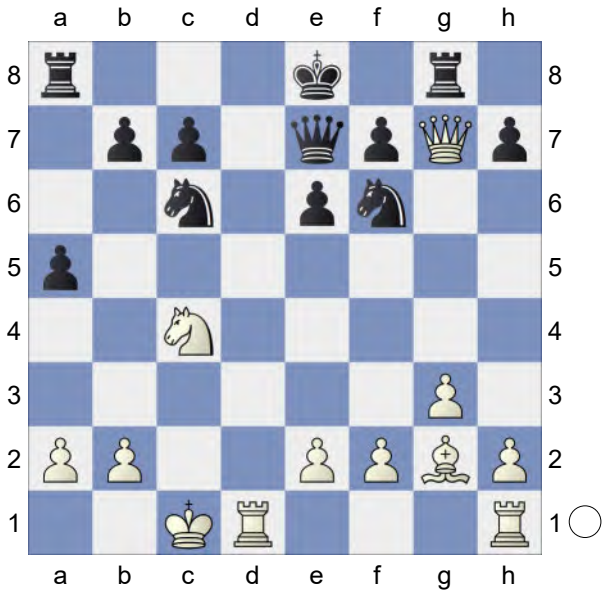
[13.Nxa5? Rxa5 *(13...Qa4 14.0-0∓)* 14.Qxa5 Nc2+ 15.Kf1 Nxa1-+]

13...Nc6 14.Qg5 Qe7 15.Qxg7

[15.Bxc6+ bxc6 16.Qxg7 *(16.Nxa5 h6∓)* 16...Rg8±]

15...Rg8

(Diagram)

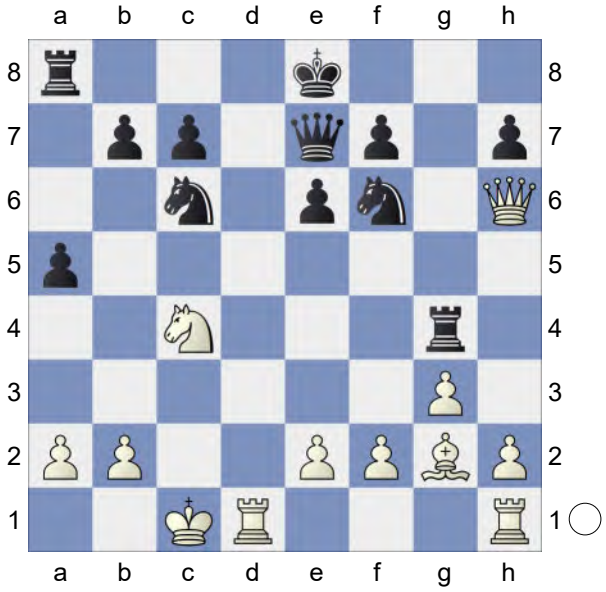


16.Qh6 White is much more active.

[16.Bxc6+?! bxc6 17.Qh6 Rg4±]

16...Rg4 1.57/21

[⌓16...Nd5 1.15/21]



17.Ne3!↑ Black is under strong pressure.

[17.Bxc6+?! bxc6 18.Ne3 Ra4±]

17...Rg6 1.70/21

[17...Rb4± 1.13/19]

18.Qf4+- Kf8 1.94/20

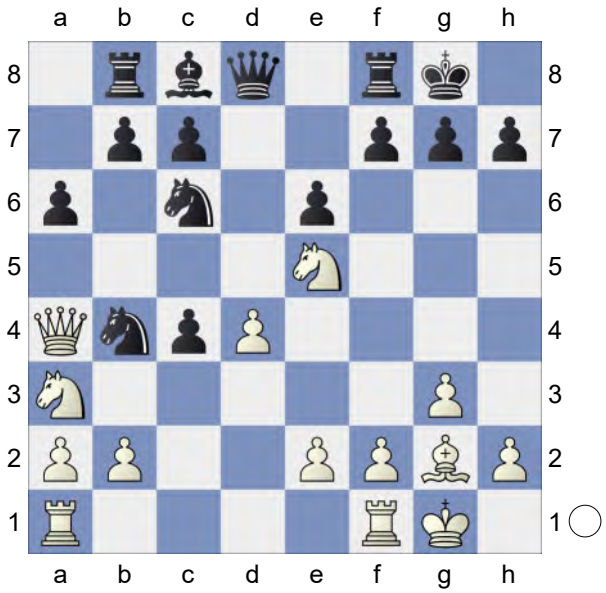
[18...Ra6± 1.46/19 19.Kb1 Kf8]

19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Kb1 Nd5 21.Qe5 1.45/20

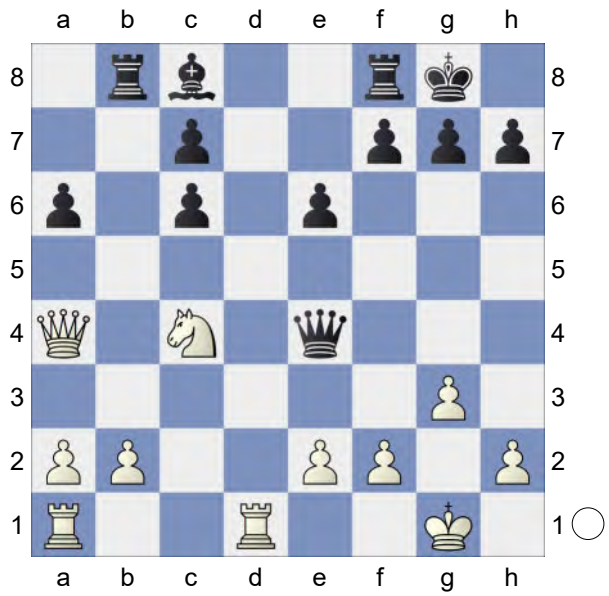
[White should try 21.Qd4+- 1.84/20]
21...a4± 22.a3
[22.Qh8+?! Rg8 23.Qd4 *(23.Qxh7 a3±)* 23...a3±]
22...Nxe3 2.41/19
[22...Qf6± 1.47/19 23.Qxf6 Nxf6]
23.Qxe3+- Qf6 24.Rd2 Ra5 25.Rc1 Rh5 26.h4
[26.Rxc6 Rxh2 27.f4 *(27.Rxc7 Qxf2 28.Qc3 Qf5+ 29.Ka2 e5±)* 27...Rg2±]
26...Rd5 27.Rdc2
[27.Rxc6 Rxd2 28.Qxd2 Qxf2±]
27...Rb5 28.Qa7
[28.Rxc6? Qxb2#]
28...Rg8 29.Qxa4
[29.Qxc7 Kg7±]
29...Qxf2 30.Qa8+
[30.Rxc6 Qxe2 31.R6c2 *(31.Rxc7? Qxb2#)* 31...Qe5±]
30...Kg7 31.Qxc6 Rb3 32.Qxc7 Rxg3 33.Ka2 Rg4 5.17/18
[33...Re3 3.54/17 was called for. 34.Rd1 Kh6]
34.b4 Ra8 5.81/21
[⌓34...h5 4.13/16 35.b5 Ra8]
35.Qe5+ Qf6 36.Qxf6+ Kxf6 37.Rc8 Dodges Rxb4 **37...Rxc8 38.Rxc8** Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
38...Re4 39.Rc2 Rxh4 40.b5 Rg4 41.b6 Rg8 42.b7 Rb8 43.Rb2 h5 44.a4 h4 45.a5 and a6 would now be decisive **45...h3 46.a6 h2 47.Rb1 Ke5 48.a7 Rxb7 49.a8Q**
[49.a8R? is the wrong capture. Rxb1 50.Ra5+ Kf6 51.Kxb1 h1Q+-+ *(51...h1R+ 52.Kc2=)*]
49...Rxb1 KQ-KR **50.Qh8+ Ke4 51.Kxb1 h1Q+ 52.Qxh1+ Ke3 53.Qf1 Kd2 54.Qxf7 Kxe2 55.Qxe6+ Kd3 56.Qe5** Kb2 would kill now. **56...Kc4 57.Kc2** White mates. **57...Kb4 58.Qd5 Ka4 59.Kc3 Ka3** White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=1.06
60.Qa5#
1-0

67 **E04**
□ **Fipsi_x** **3054**
■ **Weiawaga** **2656**
Blitz 18.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8 10.Na3 a6 11.Ne5!
[11.Nxc4? b5 12.Qb3 bxc4∓]
11...0-0



12.Nxc6 White is slightly better.
12...Nxc6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1
[15.Qxc6 Bb7 16.Qa4 *(16.Qxc7? Rfc8-+* Skewer, Deflection*)* 16...Qe4-+]
15...Qe4
(Diagram)

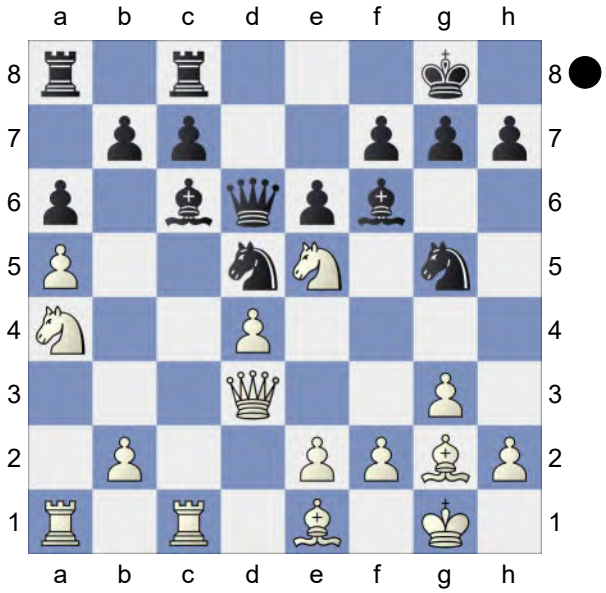


And now ...c5! would win. **16.Rd2** White has compensation. **16...Rb5 17.Rc1 e5 18.b3 h6N**
[18...Qg4 19.Qa3 Qg5 *(19...Qe6 20.Na5 Bd7 21.Rcd1 Bc8 22.Rd8 c5 23.R8d5* Chapter-4...dxc4 and 5...Nc6 D222) 10...a6*)* 20.h4 Qf6 21.Ne3 Qe6 22.Rcd1 Re8 23.Qc1 h6 24.Qc3 g6 25.Rc1 Bb7 26.Qc4 Kf8 27.h5 Qxc4 28.Rxc4 gxh5 29.f3 a5 30.Kf2 Rb4 31.Rd7 Re7 32.Rd1 f6 33.Rh1 ½-½ (42) Daus,P (2237)-Scacco,M (2208) AR-2003-Q-00008 (1) Rd7 34.Rc2 a4 35.bxa4 Rxa4 36.Rxh5 Kg7 37.g4 Kg6 38.Nf5 Rh7 39.Kg3 Ra6 40.e3 Bc8 41.e4 Bxf5 42.exf5+ Kg7 ½-½ Daus,P (2413)-Hartl,H (2492) CP-2006-F-00001 2010]
19.f3 Qg6 20.Ne3 Re8 21.Qc4 Rb6 22.Rcd1 Qg5 Against Rd8 **23.Kf2 Qe7 24.Rc1 Bh3 25.Qe4 Bd7 26.Rcd1** White has more active pieces. **26...Bc8 27.Rc2 Kh8 28.Nc4**
[28.Rxc6? Bb7 29.Rdc1 Qd8-+ *(29...Rxc6? 30.Rxc6 f6 31.Qc4-+)*]
28...Rb5 29.Ne3 -0.01/18 Prevents f5.
[29.Qxc6± 0.93/18 Strongly threatening Ne3. Rc5 30.Qe4]
29...Rb6!= Black is now going downhill.
30.Rc3
[30.Rxc6? Bb7 31.Rdc1 Qd8-+ *(31...Rxc6? 32.Rxc6 Rb8 33.Qc4-+)*]
30...a5 31.Qc2↑ White fights for an advantage.
[31.Rxc6? Bb7 32.Rdc1 Rxc6 *(32...Bxc6? 33.Rxc6 Rxc6 34.Qxc6-+)* 33.Rxc6 f6-+ *(33...Bxc6 34.Qxc6 f6 35.Qa4∓; 33...Qd7 34.Rxh6+ gxh6 35.Qxb7∓)*]
31...Bd7 32.Rc5 a4 33.bxa4 Rbb8 1.49/20
[⌓33...Rb4 0.74/19]
34.a5± f5 2.61/20
[34...Qe6± 1.34/18]
35.a6+-
[35.Nxf5 Bxf5 36.Qc3 Rb2-+]
35...f4? 3.74/21
[35...Ra8 2.16/19 36.Ra5 *(36.Nxf5? Bxf5 37.e4 Bd7-+)* 36...Rf8]
36.Ng2 Kg8 4.36/20
[⌓36...fxg3+ 2.78/18 37.hxg3 Rf8]
37.Ra5
[37.gxf4 exf4 38.Ra5 *(38.Nxf4 Rb4±)* 38...Rb5 39.Rxb5 cxb5+-]
37...Qf7
[Of course not 37...fxg3+ 38.hxg3 Ra8 39.a7+-]
38.Qc3 fxg3+ 39.hxg3 Ra8 40.a7 Kh8 41.Rb1 Qh5 42.Nh4
[Less strong is 42.Rb7 Qh2±]
42...Qf7 43.Rb7 e4 44.Rxc7 exf3 45.Nxf3 Kg8 46.Re5 Rec8 47.Rb7 Rf8 48.Qe3 Rad8 49.Re7 Qh5 50.Rbxd7 Qh2+ 51.Ke1 Qxg3+ 52.Kd2 Rxd7+ 53.Rxd7 Qg4 54.Qd4 h5 55.Rb7 Qg3 56.Qe5 Qxe5 57.Nxe5 Endgame KRN-KR **57...Rd8+** White mates. **58.Kc3 Kh7 59.Rb8 Rxb8 60.axb8Q h4 61.Qf8 c5 62.Qf5+ Kg8 63.Ng6 Kh7 64.Ne7+ g6**

65.Qxg6+ Kh8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.89
66.Qg8#
1-0

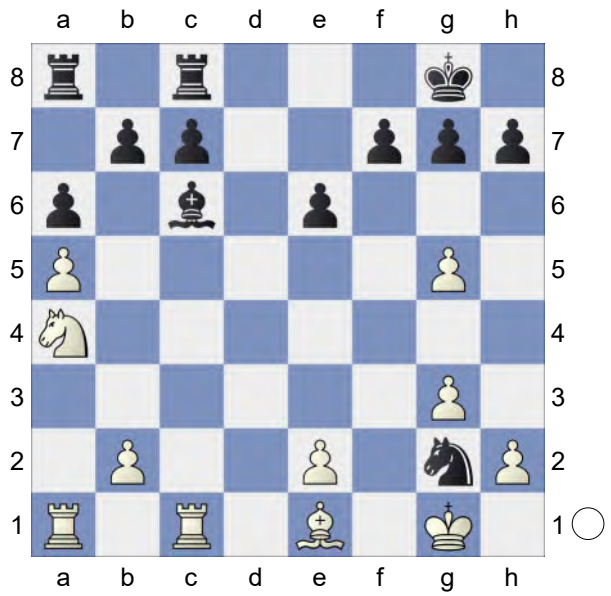
69 **E05**
□ **good_bot223344** **3053**
■ **Cheng-4** **2670**
Rapid 22.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+5sec E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4 Nbd7 11.Nc3 Nb6 12.Qb3 Nbd5 13.Bd2 Qd6N 0.58/22
[13...Re8= 0.19/21 should be considered.]
[13...Nxc3 14.bxc3 b5 *(14...Be4 15.Ne5 c5 16.Bxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxb7 Nxd2 18.Nc6 Qd6 19.Nxe7+ Kh8 20.Rfd1 Nc4 21.dxc5 Qxc5 22.Nc6 Ne5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.Rd7 Qxc3 25.Rad1 Qf6 26.Rc7 h6 27.Kg2 Qe5 28.Rxf7 Qxe2 29.Rd6* ½-½ (63) Skalusevic,L (2673)-Woelfelschneider,P (2560) Chapter - 4 Part 1 (5) *Rab8 30.Qf3 Qxf3+ 31.Rxf3 Rxf3 32.Kxf3 Rb3+ 33.Kg2 e5 34.Rxa6 Ra3 35.a5 e4 36.Kf1 e3 37.f4 Ra2 38.h3 Kh7 39.Ke1 h5 40.Ra8 Rg2 41.Re8 Rxg3 42.h4 Rh3 43.Re4 Rh1+ 44.Ke2* ½-½ (63) Sargissian,G (2673)-Svetushkin,D (2560) Rethymno op 2nd 2010 (5)*)* 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Bg5 Ra4 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nh4 Qa8 20.Qb2 f5 21.Rfd1 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 Qa5 23.Ne3 Ra8 24.Nc2 Ra2 25.Rxa2 Qxa2 26.Rb1 Qxb2 27.Rxb2 c6 28.Kf1 ½-½ (46) Jin,Y (1900)-Fan,H (2202) CHN-chT Div-B 2023 (3)]
14.a5 Rfd8 0.81/21
[14...Rfc8= 0.30/19 keeps the balance.]
15.Rfc1± Rdc8 1.05/22
[15...Qb4± 0.64/22 16.Qxb4 Nxb4]
16.Na4 and Ne1 should not be overlooked **16...Ne4** 1.67/24
[16...Bb5± 0.80/18]
17.Be1+- Bf6 2.88/21 Against Ne5
[17...Bxa4± 1.34/21 18.Qxa4 *(18.Rxa4 Qd7±)* 18...c5]
18.Qd3 Ng5 19.Ne5



Decoy **19...Bxe5** 3.97/22
[⌓19...Bb5 2.47/20]
20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.f4 Qe3+ 5.33/22
[21...Qf6 3.64/20 was worth a try. 22.h4 *(22.fxg5 Qxg5 23.Qd2 Qe7+-)* 22...h6 *(22...Bxa4? 23.Rxa4+-)* 23.fxg5 hxg5]
22.Qxe3 Nxe3 23.fxg5 Nxg2

(Diagram)

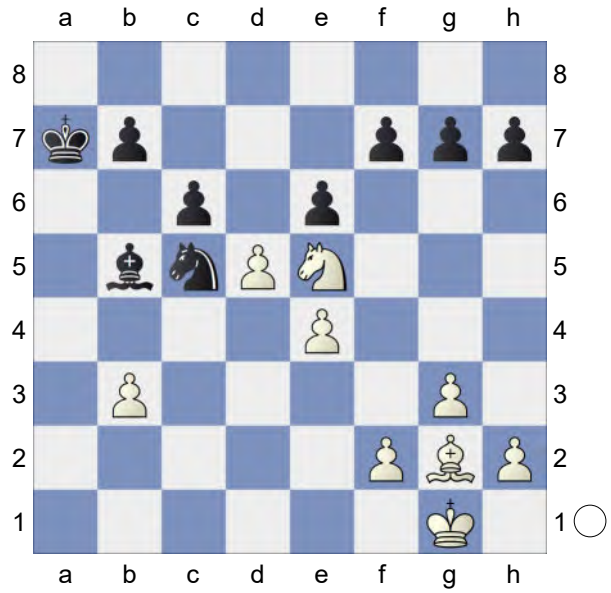


24.Rxc6! Remove Defender **24...bxc6**
[24...Nxe1 25.Rc3]
25.Kxg2 Rd8 26.h4 Rd5 27.Rc1 Re5 28.Rc2 Rd8 29.Nc5
[Weaker is 29.Rxc6 Rxe2+ 30.Kf1 Rh2+-]
29...Rd1 30.Bf2 Rb1 31.e4 Rd1 32.Be3 Re1 33.Bf4 Re2+ 34.Rxe2 Rxc5 35.Bxc7 Endgame KRB-KR
35...Rc4 36.Rd2 f6 37.gxf6 gxf6 38.Rf2 Kf7 39.Bd8 f5 40.exf5 exf5 41.Rxf5+ Ke6 42.Rf6+ Kd7 43.Bb6 Rc2+ 44.Kh3 Re2 45.Rh6 Re7 46.Bd4 Rf7 47.h5 Ke8 48.Kh4 Rd7 49.Bc3 Rc7 50.g4 c5 51.Kg5 Ra7 52.Rb6 Kf8 53.Kh6 Re7 54.g5 Kg8 55.g6 hxg6 56.hxg6 Re8 57.Rb7 Rc8 58.Bf6 White threatens Rh7 and mate.
58...Kf8 59.Kh7 White mates. **59...Rc7+ 60.Rxc7 Ke8 61.g7 c4** White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.84
62.g8Q#
1-0

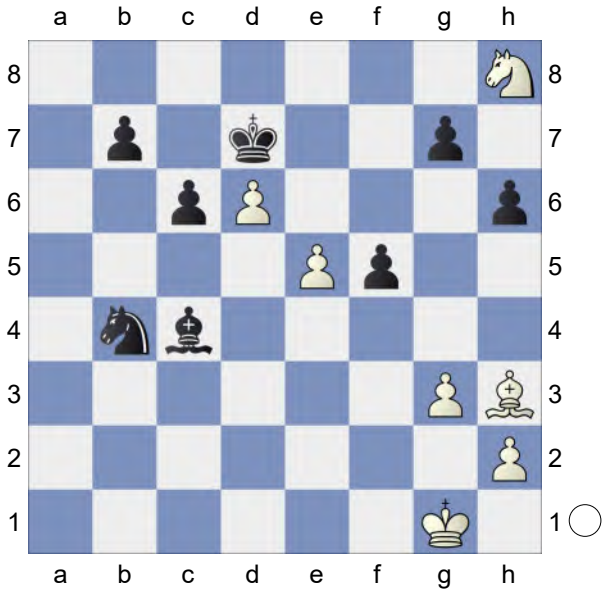
71 **E04**
□ **Booktester** **3052**
■ **lalabot** **2863**
Blitz 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc1 Nc6 8.Qxc4 Qd5 9.Qd3 Qe4 10.Qxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxb4! axb4
[11...Nxb4 12.0-0 f6 13.Rc1 c6 14.Nc3 Nd6 15.e4 Ke7 16.a3 Na6 17.e5 Nf7 18.exf6+ gxf6 19.Re1 Nc7 20.Nh4 Kf8 21.Ne2 *(21.f4 Nd6 22.Bh3 Kf7 23.Na4 Rd8 24.Nf3 Ndb5 25.Rad1 Nd5 26.Re2 Re8 27.Rde1 Nbc7 28.Nd2 Re7 29.Nc4 Nb5 30.Nab6* Chicago-Beradze,I C222) 11...Qc5*)* 21...Nd6 22.Nf4 Bd7 23.Bh3 Kf7 24.Rac1 Rhe8 25.Bg4 Re7 26.Bh5+ 1-0 (40) Beliavsky,A (2665)-Illescas Cordoba,M (2635) 69/345 Ubeda 1997]
12.Nbd2 Nd6N
[12...Nxd2 13.Kxd2 Bd7 14.Rhc1 Ke7 15.Ne5 Nxd4 16.Rxc7 Rhd8 17.Rxb7 Macias Montalvo,X-Allberg,D URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *(17.Rd1 Kd6 18.Rxd7+ Kxe5 19.f4+ Kf6 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Bxb7 Nf3+ 22.Kc1 Rxd1+ 23.Kxd1 Nxh2 24.Kc2 Nf1 25.g4 Ne3+ 26.Kb3 Nxg4 27.Kxb4 Ke7 28.Kc5 Kd7 29.a4 Kc7 30.Bc6 Ne3 31.a5 h5* 0-1 Biriulin,B-Melts Melts,M (2490) USSR Federation Cup 1988 *32.b4)*]
13.0-0 Bd7 White is slightly better.
14.e3 Ra7 15.Ne1! Nb8 16.Nc2! Na6 17.a3 bxa3 18.Rxa3 Ke7 19.Rfa1 Rb8 0.96/18
[19...Bb5± 0.59/19 might be stronger.]

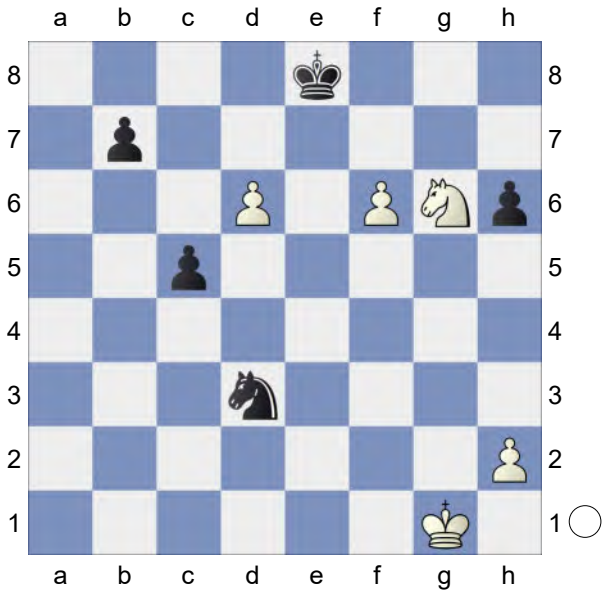
20.b3 0.41/20
[20.Ra5!± 0.96/18]
20...Bb5± 21.Ra5 Rba8 0.88/19
[21...c6!± 0.48/17]
22.Ne4± c6 1.37/22
[22...Nxe4± 0.66/17 23.Rxb5 *(23.Bxe4 c6±)* 23...Nd6]
23.Nc3 Kd8 24.e4 White has more active pieces. **24...Bd3 25.Ne1** 0.72/21
[⌓25.Nb4 1.23/23 Nb5 26.Nxd3 Nxc3 27.d5]
25...Nb5 26.Nxb5 Bxb5 27.Nf3 A mistake that costs the game.
27...Kc8? 2.31/20
[27...f6± 0.58/21]
28.d5!+- Kb8 3.18/22
[⌓28...b6 1.89/22 29.R5a3 c5]
29.Ne5 Nc5 4.10/23
[⌓29...f6 2.77/19]
30.Rxa7 Rxa7 31.Rxa7 Kxa7 Endgame



KBN-KBN **32.d6 Kb8 33.Nxf7 Kc8 34.b4 Nd3** 4.74/22
[⌓34...Na6 3.36/20 35.Ne5 c5]
35.f4 Kd7 36.Bh3 h6? 4.74/22
[36...Ba4 2.74/20 was necessary. 37.e5 Bb3]
37.e5 Nxb4 38.f5 Bc4 39.Nh8 and Ng6 would now be decisive
39...exf5



40.Ng6!
[40.Bxf5+ Be6 41.Be4 Bd5=]
40...Ke8? 6.69/21
[Reject 40...Ke6 41.Bxf5+ Kxf5 42.d7 Kxg6 43.d8Q+- *(43.d8B?* perishes. *Nd3-+)*]
[40...Kd8 3.83/20 41.Bxf5 Bd3]
41.Bxf5 Bd3 42.g4 Bxf5 43.gxf5 KN-KN **43...c5 44.f6 gxf6 45.exf6 Nd3**



46.d7+! Deflection, Promotion **46...Kxd7**

47.f7 Ne5 48.f8Q
[Worse is 48.f8B Nxg6 49.Bxc5 Ne5±]
48...Nxg6 49.Qf5+ Kc6 50.Qxg6+ Kd5 51.Qxh6 b5 52.h4 b4 53.h5 c4 54.Qg5+ Ke6 55.h6 b3 56.Qg6+ Kd7 57.h7 b2 58.h8Q b1R+ 59.Qxb1 19.36/5
[⌓59.Kf2 #4/10 Re1 60.Qd4+ *(60.Kxe1 Kc7 61.Qhh7+ Kd8 62.Qgg8#)* 60...Kc8 61.Qc6+ Kb8 62.Qdb6#]
59...c3 60.Qb5+ White mates. **60...Ke6 61.Qbe5+ Kf7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.75
62.Qef6#
1-0

70 **E04**
☐ **ArasanX** **3052**
■ **InanisBot** **2542**
Rapid 04.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2686 v3 ↻ 2.00GHz 1995 MHz W=14.6 plies; 2.108kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg B=14.8 plies; 2.054kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg **1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc2 b6 8.0-0**
[8.Ne5 Ra7 9.Bxb4 axb4 10.Qxc4 Qd6 11.Nd3 Ba6 12.Qxb4 Bxd3 13.Qxd6 cxd6 14.exd3 d5 15.Nd2 Kd7 16.Nf3 Ne8 17.Kd2 f6 18.h4 h5 19.Bh3 Nc6 20.Rhc1 Nc7 21.Rc3 b5 22.Rac1 Nb4 1-0 (25) Rozum,I (2599)-Khismatullin,D (2643) 133/159 Russia 2017]
[8.a3 Be7 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Qxc4 0-0 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.0-0 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nc3 Nbd7 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Qa4 Bxf3 17.exf3 Ne5 18.Bf4 Nc4 19.Rfd1 Qe7 20.Qb3 Nxb2 21.Qxb2 Bxa3 22.Qxb6 Bxc1 0-1 (34) Janik,I (2517)-Korobov,A (2652) Katowice POL-HUN 10th rapid 2023 (8)]
8...Bb7 9.Bxb4 White is slightly better.
9...axb4 10.Qxc4 0-0N 1.06/20
[10...Nc6± 0.31/20 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Rfc1 h6 13.e3 Nd5 14.Qc2 Qf6 15.h3 Rfd8 16.Nc4 h5 17.h4 Rac8 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Rd1 Ra8 21.Rac1 Rd7 22.f4 Qe7 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.fxe5 c5 25.Ne4 cxd4 0-1 (62) Deep Fritz-Ktulu SCCT (3m+2s(Champions 2021 (14.12)]
11.Qxb4± Nc6 12.Qd2 Ne4 13.Qe3 Nd6 14.Rd1 Ra5 15.Nc3 Nb4 1.70/20
[15...Ne7± 1.11/19 was necessary.]
16.Qc1+- Rh5 2.52/20
[16...Qe7± 1.34/20 17.Qb1 Nd5]
17.a3 Nc6 18.b4 Ne7 19.a4 Qa8 20.Qb2 Rc8 21.Rdc1 Ng6 22.Nd1 Be4 23.Ne3 Qb7 24.b5 c6 25.bxc6 Rxc6 26.Rxc6 Qxc6 27.Ne5 Qb7 28.Rb1 Qc8 29.Bxe4 Nxe4 30.Qxb6 Nxe5 31.Qb8

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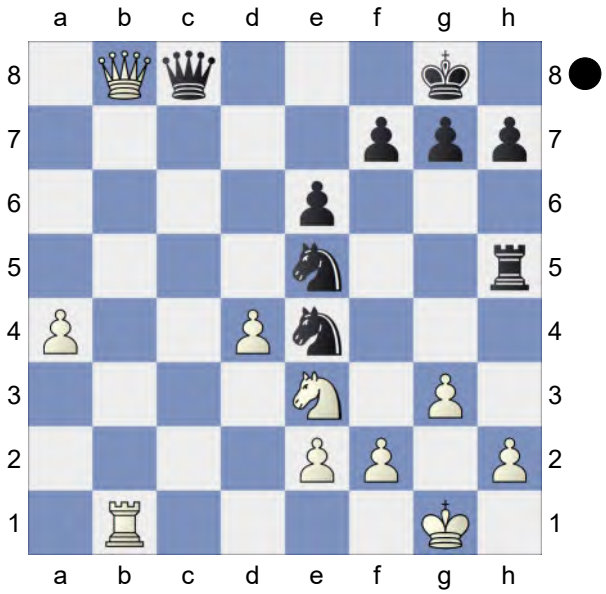
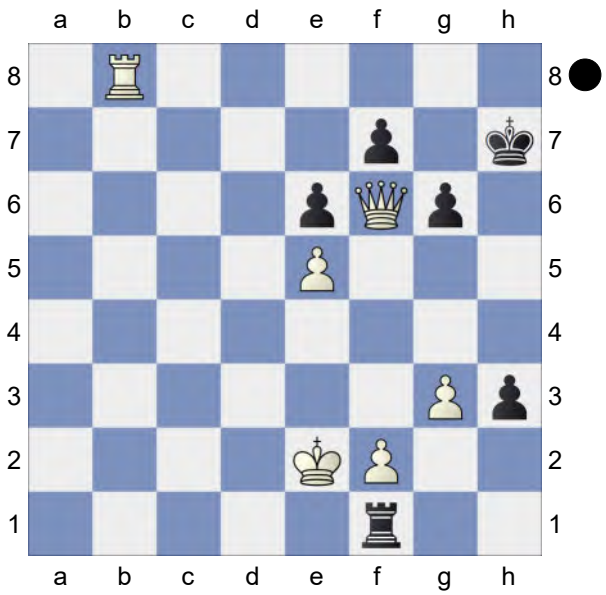


Zwischenzug **31...Qf8 32.dxe5** Qc7 would now be deadly. **32...Nc3 33.Rb7 Nxe2+ 34.Kf1 h6 35.Kxe2 Qxb8 36.Rxb8+** Endgame KRN-KR **36...Kh7 37.Rb5 Rxh2 38.a5 h5 39.Nf1 Rh1 40.a6 h4 41.a7 h3 42.a8Q Rxf1 43.Qe4+ g6 44.Qh4+ Kg7 45.Qf6+ Kh7 46.Rb8**



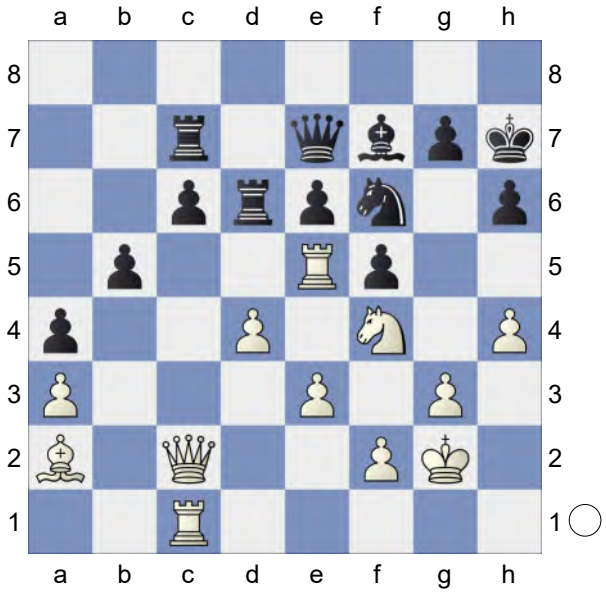
Re1+ 47.Kxe1 h2 Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=1.30

48.Qh8#
1-0

72 **E00**
□ **ToromBot** **3051**
■ **magnusglad_bot** **2799**
Blitz 24.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 dxc4 6.Bg2 b5 Inhibits Qa4. **7.0-0 a5 8.a3 Be7** The position is equal. **9.b3 cxb3 10.Qxb3 c6 11.Ne5**
[11.Bb2 0-0 12.Ne5 Nd5 13.Rac1 Ra6 14.Ne4 f6 15.Nd3 Ra7 16.Nec5 Qe8 17.Bh3 Qf7 18.e4 Nc7 19.Nf4 f5 20.Rfe1 Bg5 21.exf5 exf5 22.Qxf7+ Kxf7 23.Re5 Bf6 24.Re2 Rd8 25.Rd1 Nba6 0-1 (47) Slade,T (2086)-Grachev,A (2425) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (1)]
11...Bb7 12.Rd1N
[12.Bb2]
12...a4 13.Qb2 0-0 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bd6 and ...Bxe5 would now be decisive **16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Nd3 Bxf4 18.Nxf4 Nd7 19.Nd3 Nb6 20.Ne5 Rac8 21.Rac1 Qd6 22.e3** White has compensation. **22...Rfd8 23.Rc3 f6 24.Nd3 Rc7! 25.Nc5 Bc8 26.Bb1 Qe7 27.Ba2 Kh8 28.Rcc1 h6 29.Qc2 Nd5 30.h4 f5 31.Qb2 Nf6 32.Nd3 Qd6 33.Ne5 Kg8 34.Kh2 Kf8** 0.46/20
[34...Bd7= 0.06/17]
35.Rc5± Bd7 36.Rdc1 Be8 37.Bb1 Rdc8 38.Qb4 Rb8 39.Kg1 Kg8 40.Nd3 Nd5 41.Qe1 Rd8 42.Ba2 Nf6 43.Qb4 0.22/19
[43.Qa5± 0.64/20]

43...Qe7 0.60/20
[43...Kh7= 0.22/19 should be considered.]
44.Qb2
[44.Rxf5 Bg6 45.e4 *(45.Qxe7 Rxe7 46.Rxf6 gxf6∓)* 45...Bxf5 *(45...Nxe4 46.Re5=; 45...Qxb4 46.Nxb4 Bxf5 47.exf5-+)* 46.exf5 Qxb4 47.Nxb4 Kh7 *(47...Rxd4 48.Na6∓)* 48.fxe6 Rxd4∓]
44...Kh7 45.Nf4 Rd6 1.68/20
[Black should play 45...Bf7!± 0.61/20]
46.Qc2+- Ne4 47.Re5
[47.Rxb5?! c5 48.Ra5 Rcc6±]
47...Bf7 48.Kg2!
[48.Rxb5?! c5±]
48...Nf6



49.Rxb5!! g5 50.hxg5 White is more active. **50...hxg5 51.Nd3 cxb5 52.Qxc7 Qxc7 53.Rxc7 Kg8 54.Kf1 Rb6 55.Ke1 Kf8 56.Kd2 Ne4+ 57.Kc2** This costs Black the game. **57...Ke8?** 3.47/21
[57...Rd6± 0.98/18]
58.Ne5! Bh5 59.Nc6! Bf7

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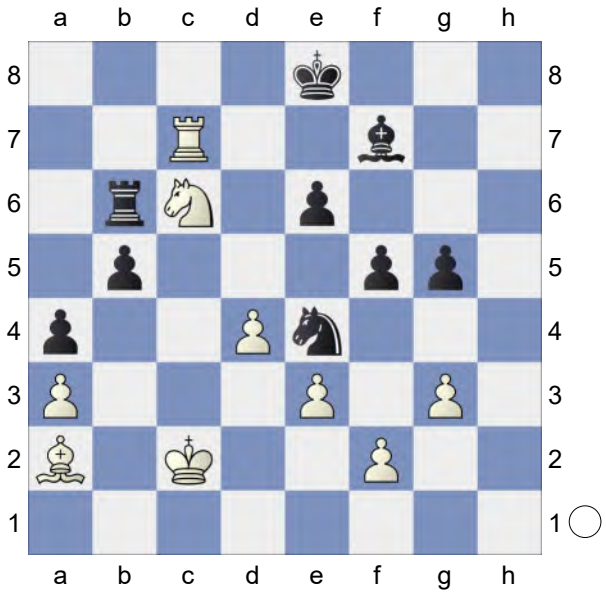
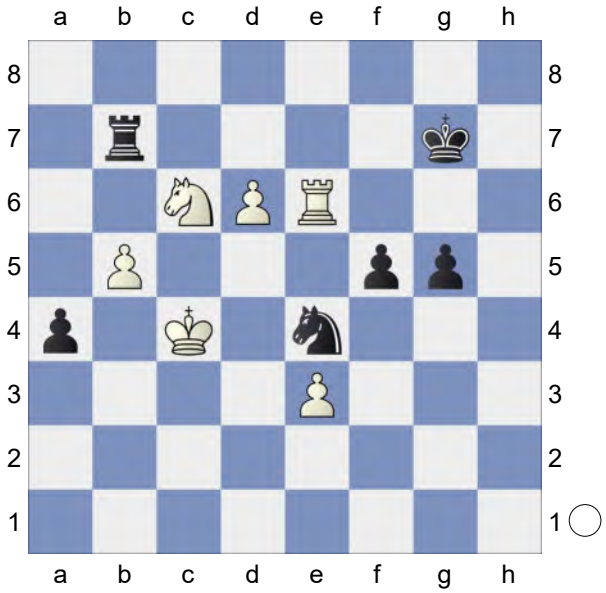
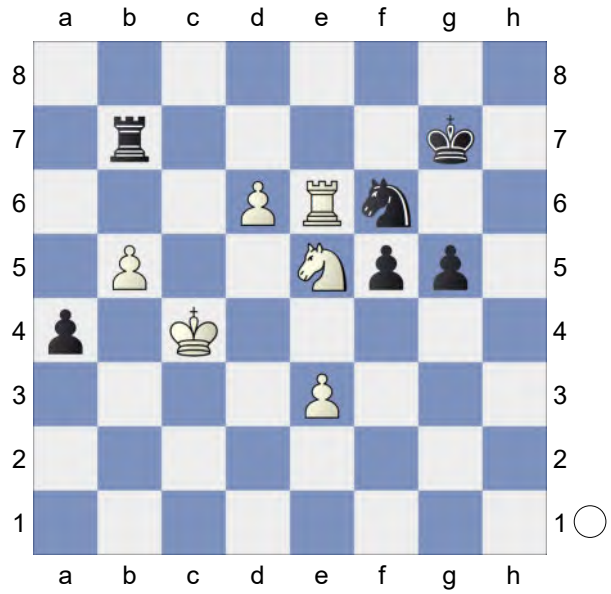


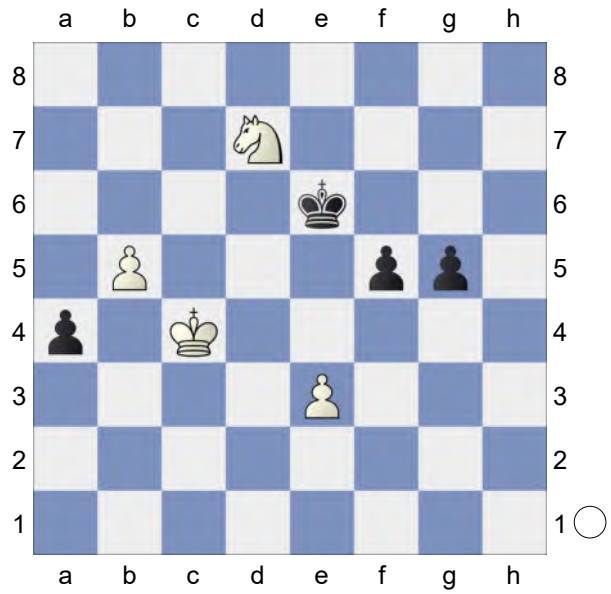
60.Bxe6! Decoy **60...Bxe6 61.Re7+ Kf8 62.Rxe6 Nxf2** Endgame KRN-KRN **63.d5 Kg7** Dodges Rf6 **64.Kc3 b4+ 65.axb4**
[65.Nxb4 Rxe6 66.dxe6 Kf6=]
65...Ne4+ 66.Kc4 Nxg3 3.94/20
[66...g4 2.63/20 was worth a try. 67.Re7+ Kf6]
67.b5
[Not 67.Kc5 Rb7±]
67...Ne4? 6.02/19
[67...a3 3.62/19 68.Re7+ Kf6]
68.d6 Threatens to win with d7. **68...Rb7**



69.Ne5! Nf6



70.d7! Decoy **70...Nxd7 71.Re7+ Kf6 72.Rxd7 Rxd7 73.Nxd7+** KN-K3P **73...Ke6**



74.Nf6! Promotion **74...a3**
[74...Kxf6 75.b6]

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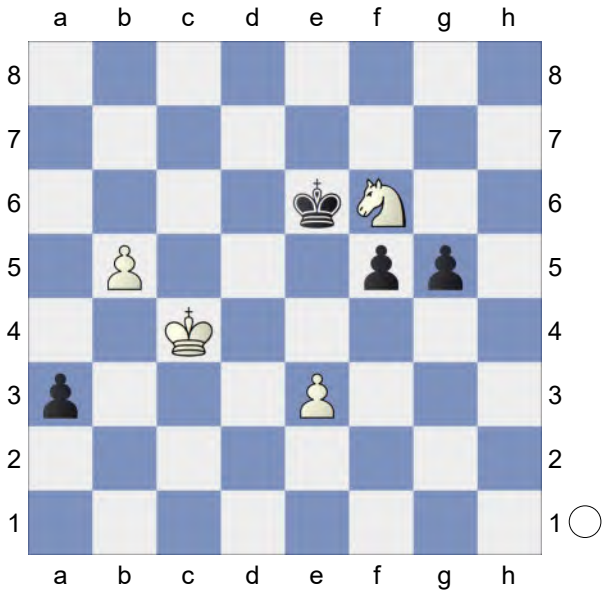
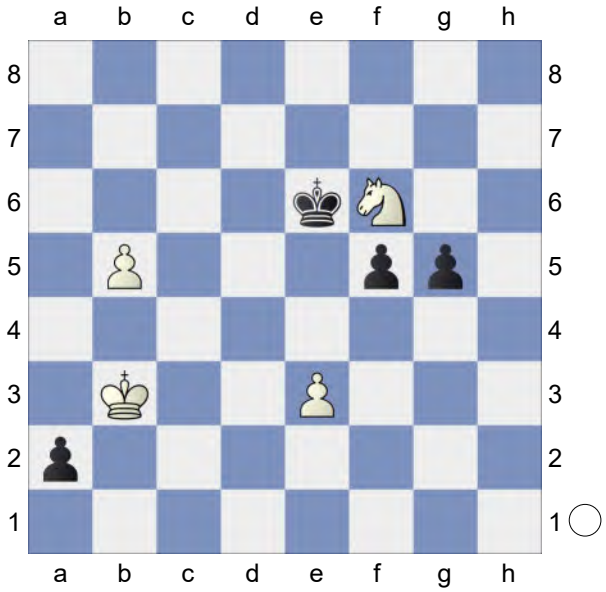


75.Kb3! a2
[75...Kxf6 76.b6]



76.Kxa2! f4
[76...Kd6 77.Kb3]

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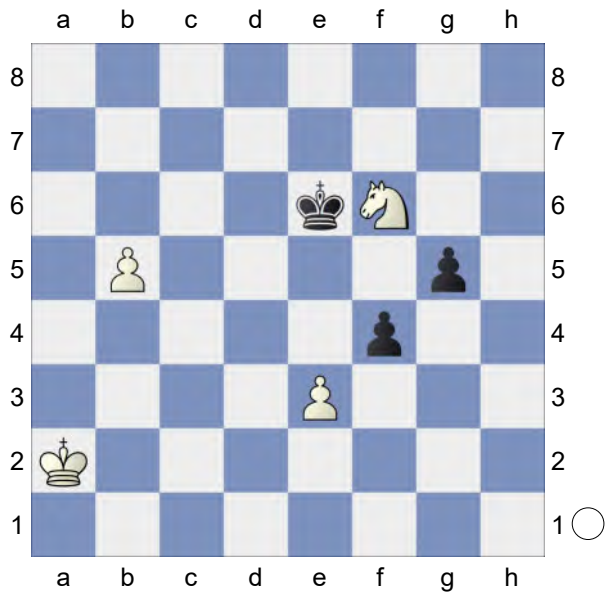
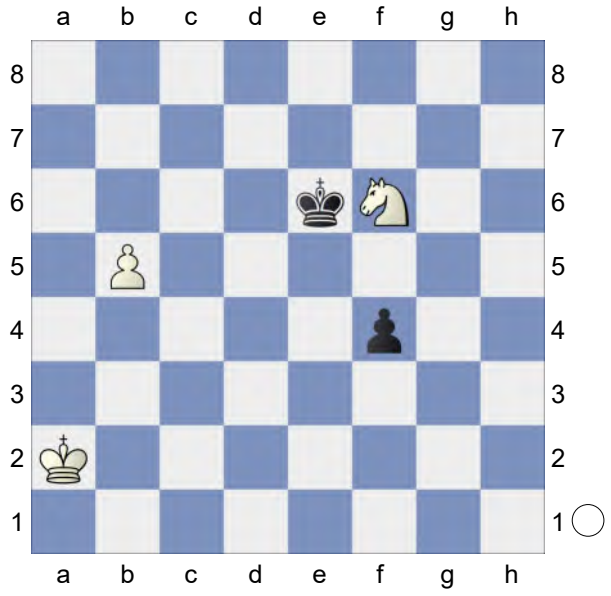


77.exf4! gxf4

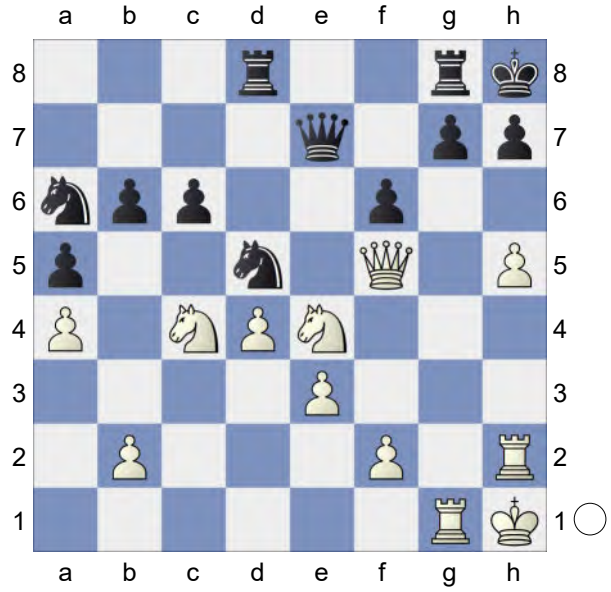


78.Kb3! White threatens b6! and mate.
78...Kxf6
[78...f3 79.Ng4]
79.b6 White mates. **79...Ke5 80.b7 Kd4 81.b8Q f3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
82.Qf4+
1-0

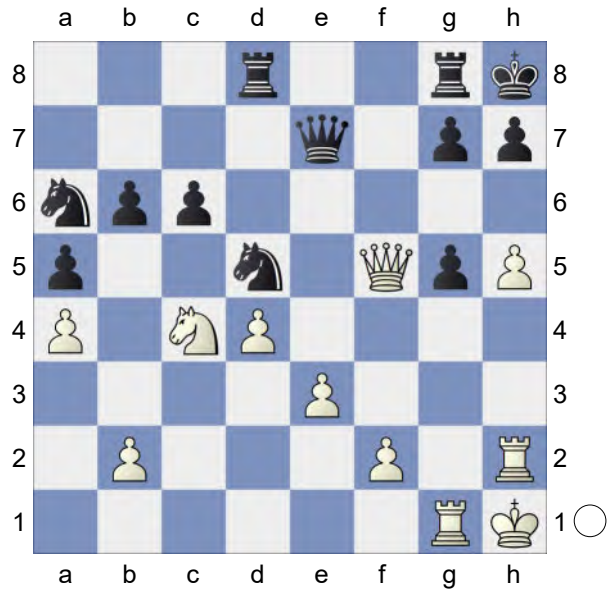
73 **E05**
□ **Mithril-SF** **3050**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2748**
Blitz 15.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nc3 Bxf4 12.gxf4 a5 The position is equal.
13.e3 Na6 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nb4N
[15...c6 16.h3 Qb6 17.Qe2 c5 18.Rfd1 cxd4 19.Rxd4 Rad8 20.Rxd8 Qxd8 21.Rd1 Qa8 22.Kg1 Nb4 23.Qb5 Nbd5 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Rc1 h6 26.Qd7 Nf6 27.Qd6 g6 28.b3 h5 29.Kh2 Kg7 30.Qd4 1-0 (39) Grube,J (2763)-Corfield,J (2762) corr Afroatin Indiv.Prelim1 1997 (9) Rd8 31.Qb2 Qb8 32.b4 axb4 33.Rc4 b3 34.Rb4 Qa7 35.Rxb3 Qxa4 36.Rxb7 Qe8 37.Ra7 Rd5 38.Qb7 Ne4 39.Nxf7 1-0 Giri,A (2763)-Wang,H (2762) Yekaterinburg (ct) 2021]
16.Rac1 c6 17.Rfd1 Nfd5 18.Ne4 Qe8 19.Qe2 b6 20.h4
[20.Qh5 keeps more tension. g6 21.Qh3 f6 22.Nc4]
20...f6 21.Nc4 Kh8 22.h5 Qd7 23.Qf3 Rg8 24.Qh3 Qe7 25.f5 0.01/21
[25.Kh2± 0.49/18 is more appropriate.]
25...exf5= 26.Qxf5 White wants to play Ng3. **26...Na2** 0.51/19
[26...Rad8= 0.01/19]
27.Ra1± Nab4 28.Rh1 0.01/16
[Better is 28.Rg1!± 0.57/18]
28...Qc7 0.54/21
[28...Rad8= 0.01/16]
29.Rh2 Rad8 30.Kh1 Black is on the

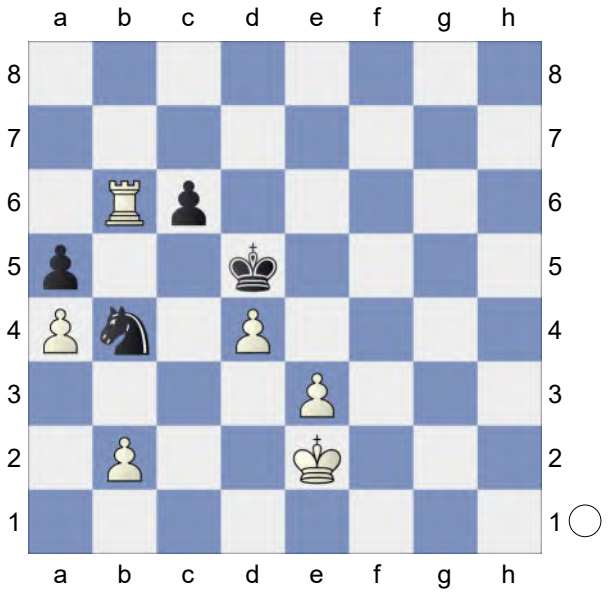
road to losing. **30...Na6** 1.15/21
[Black should play 30...h6!± 0.50/18]
31.Rg1→ and Rhg2 would now be decisive. Black is in trouble. White is more active. **31...Qe7?** 6.08/22
[31...h6± 0.79/19]



32.Ng5!+- Deflection **32...fxg5**



33.Ne5! g6 34.hxg6 Rg7 35.Nf7+
[35.Nxc6 Qf8 36.Qh3 *(36.Rxg5 Qxf5 37.Rxf5 Ne7±; 36.Qxg5 Qf3+ 37.Qg2 Qxg2+ 38.Rhxg2 Rf8+-)* 36...g4 37.Rxg4 *(37.Qxg4 Re8+-)* 37...Rc8+-]
[35.Rxg5 Rf8 36.Nf7+ Rgxf7 37.gxf7 Qxf7 38.Qxf7 Rxf7±]
35...Rxf7 36.gxf7
[36.Qxf7 Qxf7 37.gxf7 Rf8+-]
36...Nf6 37.Rh6
[37.Qxg5 Qxf7 38.e4 *(38.Rh6 Rf8=)* 38...Re8∓]
[Not 37.Rxg5 Qxf7 38.Rg6 Qd5+ 39.Qxd5 Nxd5+-]
37...Qe4+ 38.Qxe4 Nxe4 39.Re6 Nxf2+ 40.Kg2 Rf8 41.Kxf2 Endgame Discovered Attack. KRR-KRN **41...Nb4 42.Rxg5 Rxf7+ 43.Ke2 Rf8** Repels Re8 **44.Re7 Nd5 45.Rb7 Rd8 46.Rh5 Kg8 47.Rhxh7 Re8 48.Rhg7+ Kh8 49.Rh7+?** -0.01/5
[49.Rg3+- 8.59/20 Re6 50.Rb8+ Kh7 51.Rb7+ Kh6 52.Kd2]
49...Kg8= 50.Rbg7+ Kf8 51.Rh8+ Kxg7 52.Rxe8± KR-KN **52...Kf7 53.Rc8 Nb4 54.Rb8 Ke6 55.Rxb6 Kd5**



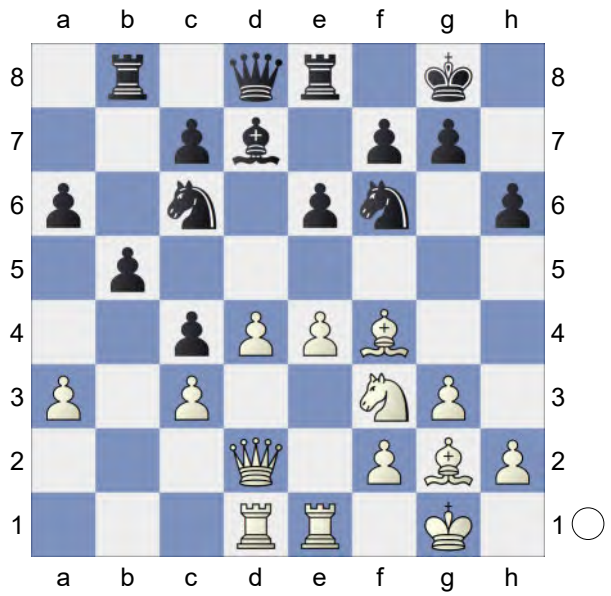
56.Rxb4! axb4 KP-KP. White is two pawns up. **57.Kd3 Kd6 58.a5 c5 59.a6 cxd4 60.a7 dxe3 61.Kxe3** KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **61...Kd5 62.a8Q+ Ke6 63.Ke4 Kd7 64.Ke5**

White threatens Qb7+ and mate.
64...Kc7 65.Kd5? 0.00/5
[65.Qa6 #5/12 mates Kb8 66.Kd6 b3 67.Qb5+ Ka8 68.Kc7 Ka7 69.Qb7#]
65...b3? #3/8
[65...Kb6= 0.00/5 66.Qb8+ Ka5 67.Kc5 Ka6 68.Qb6#]
66.Qa7+ White mates. **66...Kc8 67.Kd6 Kd8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.39
68.Qd7#
1-0

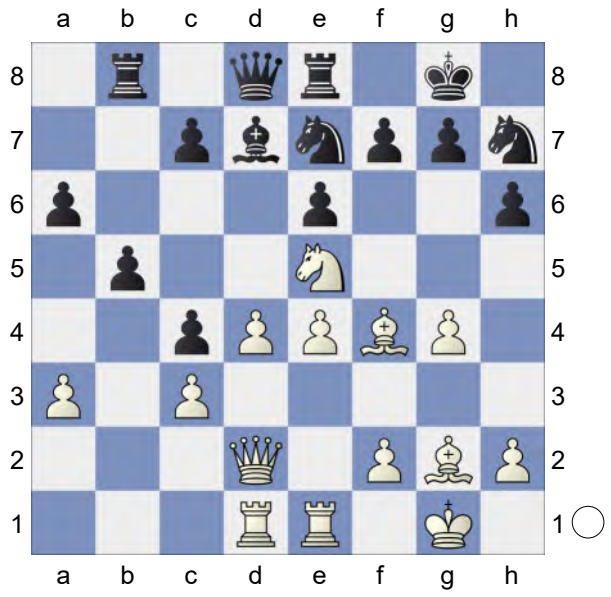
74 **E04**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3049**
■ **imnotsohuman** **2967**
Blitz 02.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e3 Bd7 8.Nc3 Bd6 9.Qe2 b5 0.47/18
[9...0-0= 0.00/18]
10.e4± White has compensation.
10...Be7 11.Bf4N White is slightly better.
[11.Rd1 0-0 12.Ne1 *(12.Bf4 Na5 13.d5 b4 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.e5 Nh5 16.Bd2 Qe8 17.Ne4 Ba4 18.Neg5 Bc5 19.Bh3 Bc6 20.Bg4 Bd5 21.Ne4 Bb6 22.Nfg5 Nxg3 23.hxg3 Nc6 24.Be3 Bxe3 25.Qxe3 h6 26.Rxd5 exd5* 1-0 (41) Hatchett,P (2655)-8. ♕f3 ♘c6 9.e3 h6_77068 (2605) 17th European Individual Championship 2016*)* 12...e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.h3 c5 15.f4 Nc6 16.e5 Nd4 17.Qf2 Ne8 18.Be3 Ra7 19.Nd5 Be6 20.Bxd4 cxd4 21.Qxd4 Rd7 22.Nxe7+ Qxe7 23.Qb6 Nc7 24.Rd6 Rfd8 25.Rad1 Ne8 1-0 (45) Krzyszton,J-Sterud,E CCOL10 fin-01 1987 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Bxd7 28.a3 Bc8 29.Nc2 Qc7 30.Qxc7 Nxc7 31.Nd4 Be6 32.Kf2 Bd5 33.Bxd5 Nxd5 34.Ne2 f6 35.Nc3 Nc7 36.exf6 gxf6 37.Ke3 Kf7 38.f5 a5 39.Ne4 b4 40.Nd6+ Ke7 1-0 (45) Varvaglione,A-Iliady 101/458 Corfu 2007]
[11.d5 Nb4 12.Ne5 exd5 13.a3 Nd3 14.Nxd3 cxd3 *(14...Bg4 15.Qd2 cxd3 16.e5 Nd7 17.Nxd5 0-0 18.Qxd3 Nxe5 19.Qe4 Bd6 20.Bf4 c6 21.Nb4 f5 22.Qd4 Qf6 23.Nxc6 Nf3+ 24.Bxf3 Bxf3 25.Qxd6 Bxc6 26.Rac1 Qxd6 27.Bxd6 Rfc8 28.f3 Bd5 29.Kf2* ½-½ (38) Lukasova,A (2080)-Karasova,E (2341) corr II. Ladies Slovakia Championship, 2010 *)* 15.Qxd3 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Rb8 18.Bf4 0-0 19.Rfd1 Bd6 20.Bxd6 cxd6 21.Rxd6 Rb6 22.Rd2 Re8 23.Qd5 Re7 24.Bh3 1-0 Grankin,F (2704)-Cox,A (2613) 124/(169) Wijk aan Zee 2015 (7)]
11...0-0 12.Rad1 Bb4 0.55/19
[12...Qe8!= 0.13/17 is superior.]
13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Rb8 0.82/18
[14...h6= 0.30/17]
15.Rfe1!± Re8 16.Qd2 h6

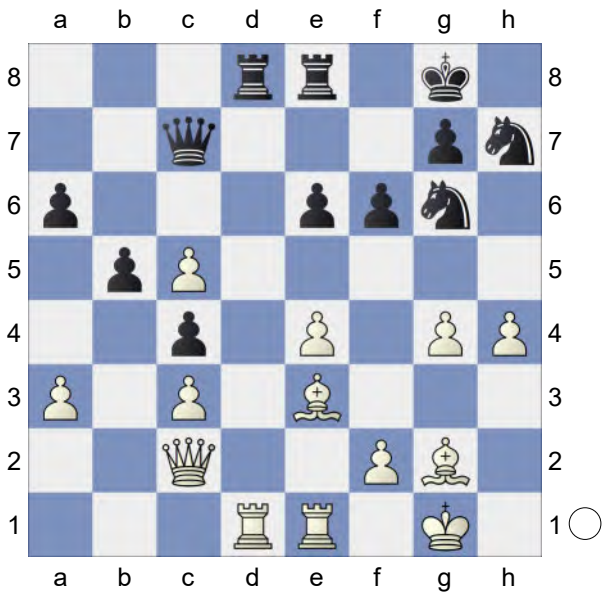
(Diagram)



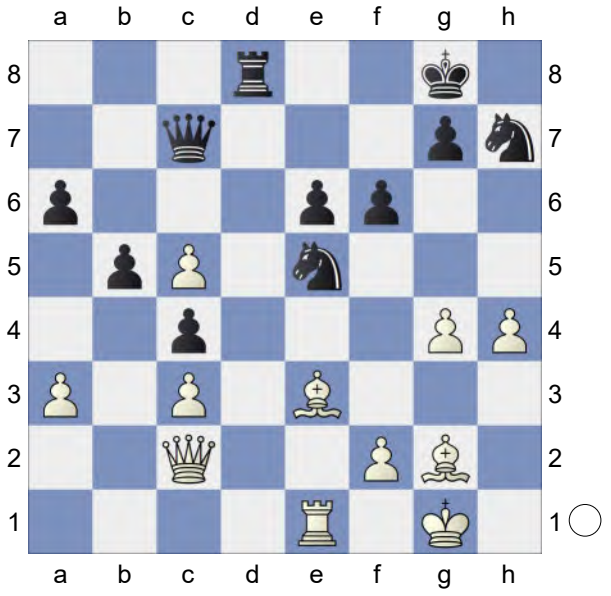
Prevents Bg5. **17.g4! Ne7**
[17...Nxg4 18.e5±]
[17...Nh7 18.h3]
18.Ne5 Nh7



19.Bxh6! White is much more active.
19...f6 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Be3 Rbd8 22.h4 0.51/17
[Better is 22.Qe2± 1.08/17]
22...c5? 2.55/20 **23.dxc5+- Qc7** 2.43/18
[23...Qxd2 1.86/20 24.Rxd2 Rxd2]
24.Qc2! Ng6 2.60/20
[24...Nf8 1.92/17 was worth a try. 25.a4 Nfg6]

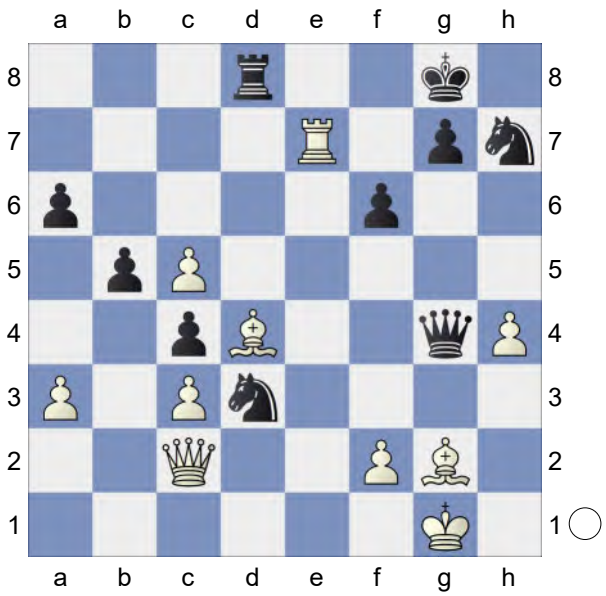


25.e5! Nxe5 26.Rxd8 Rxd8

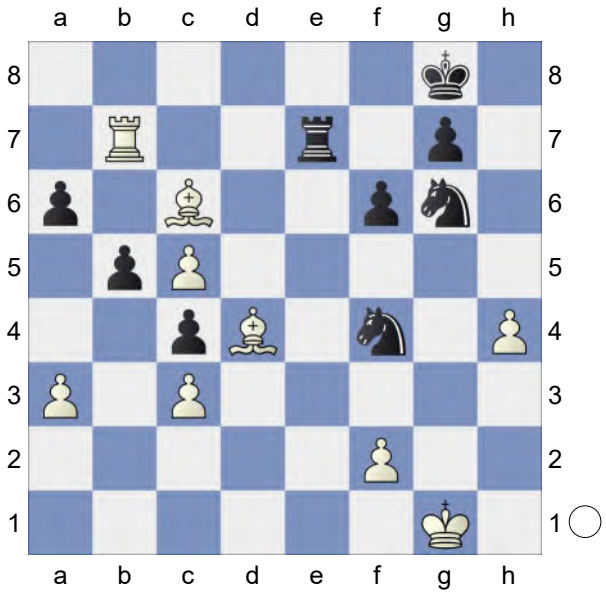


27.Bd4! A strong pair of Bishops.
27...Nd3
[27...Nxg4 28.Rxe6 Qh2+ 29.Kf1 Qxh4 30.c6 *(30.Rxa6 Nh2+ 31.Kg1 Qh5=)*]
28.Rxe6 Qc8 2.78/18
[28...Nf8± 1.42/19 29.Rxa6 Re8]
29.Re7 Qxg4

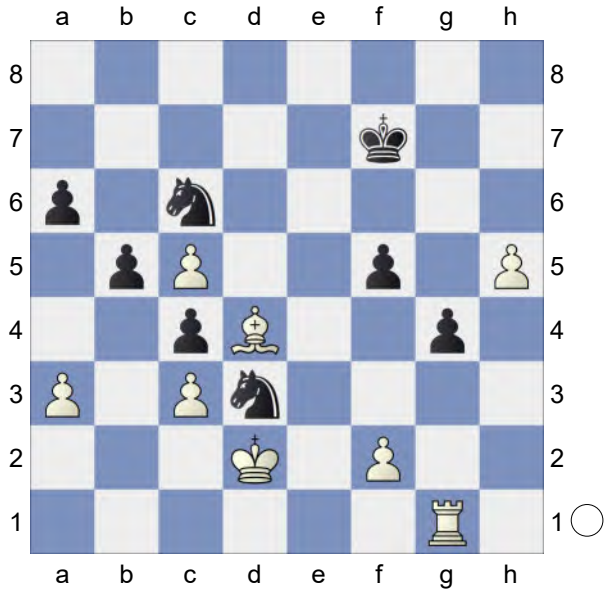
(Diagram)



30.Qe2! Qxe2 31.Rxe2 Nf4 32.Re7 Nf8 33.Be4
[And not 33.c6 Nxg2 34.Kxg2 *(34.c7 Rc8=)* 34...Rc8±]
33...N8g6
[Much weaker is 33...Ne2+ 34.Kf1 Nxd4 35.cxd4]
34.Rb7 Re8 35.Bc6 Re7 4.72/23
[35...Re1+ 1.84/20 36.Kh2 Ne5]



36.h5! Deflection **36...Ne5**
[36...Ne2+ 37.Kf1]
37.Rxe7 Nxc6 Endgame KRB-KNN
38.Re1 Kf7 39.Kf1 f5 6.09/20
[⌓39...Ne7 4.25/20 40.a4 Nc6]
40.Rd1 Nd3 41.Ke2 g5 42.Ke3 g4 43.Rg1 Ne7 44.Kd2 Nc6

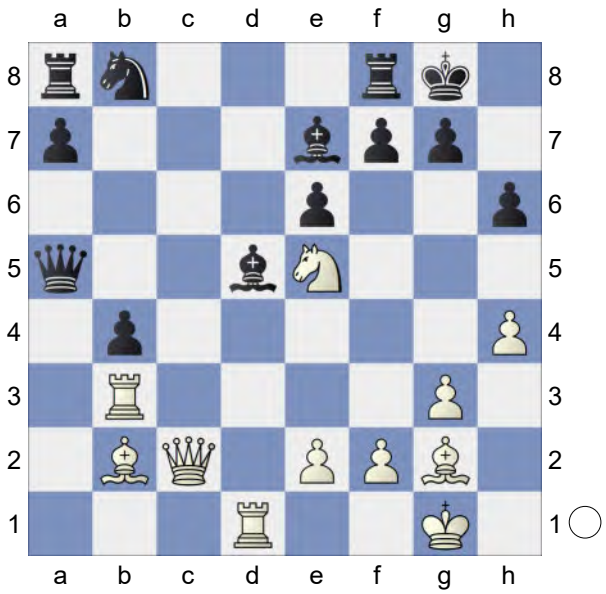


45.f3! Kg8
[45...Nde5 46.Bxe5]
46.Ke3 a5 47.fxg4 f4+ 48.Ke4 Nd8 49.g5 g6 is the strong threat. **49...f3 50.g6 Ne6 51.h6 Nf8 52.h7+ Nxh7 53.gxh7+ Kxh7 54.c6 f2 55.Rh1+ Kg6 56.c7 Nc5+ 57.Bxc5 a4 58.c8Q** Intending Qg8+ and mate. **58...Kg7 59.Qf8+ Kg6 60.Qg8+ Kf6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=1.01
61.Rh6#
1-0

75 **E11**
□ **Fipsi_x** **3048**
■ **pawn_git** **2713**
Blitz 21.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

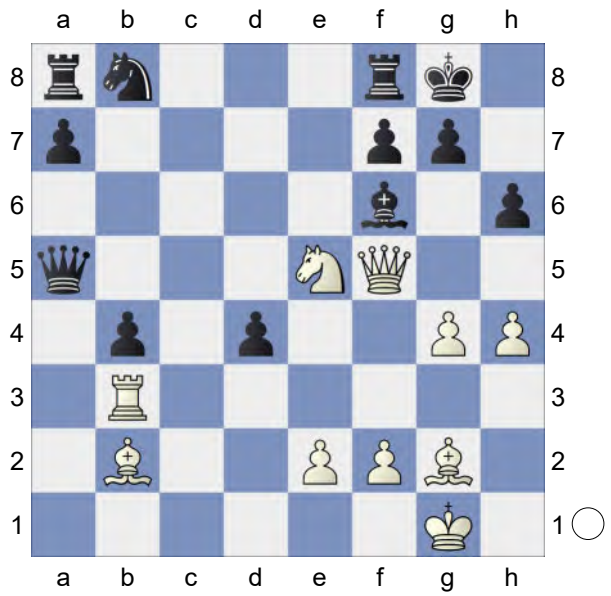
Blitz 3min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6

8.0-0 b6 9.Nc3
[9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Ba6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Rc8 14.Nc3 Ng4 15.h3 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 Bc5+ 17.Be3 Bxe3+ 18.Kxe3 b5 19.Qd3 Rc4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Qg5+ 22.Kf2 Qxe5 23.Bxc4 bxc4 ½-½ (31) Buchicchio,G (2800)-11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2803) B1) 11.Bc4 2003 (8)]
9...dxc4
[9...Bb7 10.Rfd1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bc3 Qc8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Bxf6 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qc6+ 20.Kg1 f6 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rfd8 23.Rd4 e5 24.Rd3 ½-½ (26) Lima,K (2068)-Lima,S (2312) Brasilia op 2025 (8)]
10.Ne5N
[10.e4 Nbd7 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Ba6 13.Neg5 g6 14.h4 Kg7 15.h5 c5 *(15...c3 16.bxc3 Bxf1 17.Bxf1 b5 18.Qe4 Qe8 19.Bd3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 h6 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nf3 N7b6 23.Kg2 h5 24.Rh1 Qf7 25.g4 Nc4 26.Bg5 Nxc3 27.Bf6+ Kg8 28.Qe1 Nd5 29.Ng5 Qd7 30.Bxg6* ½-½ (35) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Radjabov,T (2753) 10th Chess 2022 (9.2) *)* 16.Qe4 cxd4 17.Qg4 c3 18.hxg6 cxd2 19.Nxf7 Qc8 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.Bxd5 hxg6 22.Bxa8 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qxa8 24.Ng5 Bxg5 (31) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (2)]
10...Bb7 0.63/19
[10...Qxd4= 0.18/19 11.Bf4 Bb7]
11.Rfd1± White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. White is slightly better. **11...Qxd4 12.Bf4 Qc5 13.h4** 0.28/18
[13.Ne4!± 0.85/21 Nxe4 14.Bxe4]
13...b5!= 14.a4↑ White has compensation. White has some pressure. **14...Nd5 15.Ne4** Inhibits f6. **15...Qb4 16.Ra3** Inhibits Qb3. **16...c3** Prevents Bd2 **17.Bc1** White stays focused until the end. **17...h6?** 2.22/20
[17...f6± 0.35/21]
18.axb5!+- cxb2 19.Bxb2 cxb5
[19...Qxb5 20.Rb3 Bb4 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.Rxb5 cxb5 23.Nxf7 Kxf7 24.e4]
20.Rb3 Qa5 21.Nc3 b4 3.12/19
[21...Nxc3± 1.45/19 22.Bxb7 *(22.Bxc3 Qc7±)* 22...Nxd1 23.Qxd1 Rd8]
22.Nxd5 Bxd5 5.04/21
[22...exd5 2.02/18 is more resistant. 23.Qd2 Na6]

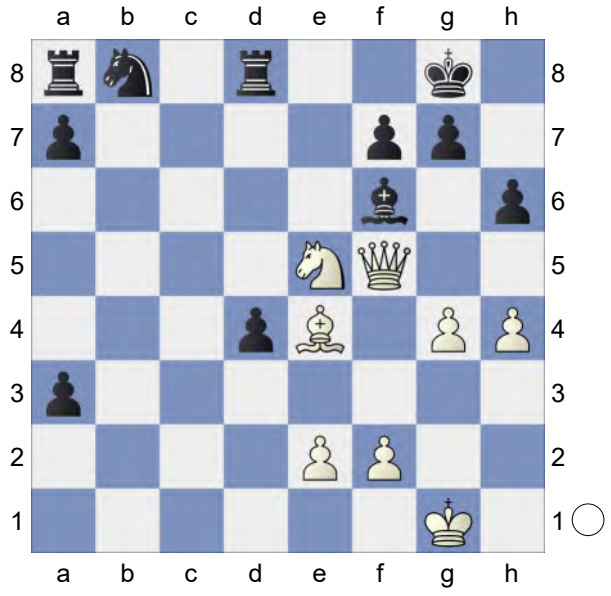


23.Rxd5! exd5 24.Qf5 Bf6 25.g4 aiming for g5. **25...d4** 5.21/21
[25...Bxh4 26.Nxf7 Bxf2+ *(26...Rxf7? 27.Bxd5+-* Pin *)* 27.Kf1+-]
[25...Nc6 3.33/18 was called for.]

(Diagram)



26.Be4! A strong pair of Bishops.
[26.Bxa8 Qxe5 *(26...Bxe5 27.Bxd4± Pin)* 27.Qxe5 Bxe5 28.Rxb4 Na6=]
26...Rd8 27.Ba3
[Worse is 27.Bxa8 Bxe5 *(27...Qxe5 28.Qxe5 Bxe5 29.Rxb4∓)* 28.Rf3 Qc7∓]
27...Qxa3 28.Rxa3 bxa3



29.Nxf7!
[29.Bxa8? a2 *(29...Bxh4?* is the wrong capture. *30.Qxf7+ Kh8 31.Ng6+ Kh7 32.Nxh4+-)* 30.Kg2 Bxe5-+ *(30...a1B? 31.Nd3+-; 30...a1Q? 31.Nxf7 Kxf7 32.g5-+* Pin *)*]
29...Kxf7 30.Bxa8 g6 31.Bd5+ Kg7 32.Qe6 Rf8 Dodges Qf7+ **33.h5 gxh5 34.gxh5 Kh8 35.Qd6 Bg7 36.Ba2 a5 37.Bb1 a2 38.Bxa2 Nc6 39.Qxc6 d3 40.exd3 Bf6 41.Kg2 Kh7 42.Qe4+ Kh8 43.d4 a4 44.d5 Rg8+ 45.Kf1 Rc8 46.d6 Rf8 47.Bb1 Rf7 48.Qe8+ Kg7 49.Ba2 Bg5 50.Qxf7+ Kh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.92
51.Qg8#
1-0

78 **E11**
□ **ArasanX** **3047**
■ **Euwe-chess-engine** **2484**
Rapid 08.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 94/(376)'
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qxc4 Bc6 9.Nc3 a5N
White is slightly better.
[9...Ne4
A) 10.Rd1 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Nd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qd3 *(13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qc8 16.e4 c5 17.Qa4 a6 18.Qd7 Re8 19.f4 b5 20.Ba5 Bf8 21.Qxc8 Rexc8 22.Rd7 c4 23.Kf3 Rab8 24.Ra7 Bc5 25.Rd7 Kf8 26.f5 Be7 27.a3 Ke8* 1-0 (41) Rego,V-Kulhanek,P USSR 12/40 1971*)* 13...Nf6 14.Ne1 Bxg2 15.Nxg2 E 04/02-N,N 2009;
B) 10.Bf4 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Nd7 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Rfd1 *(13.Qc2 0-0*

14.Be5 Nd7 15.e4 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxd4 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.b3 e5 19.Qxc6 Bd6 20.Rac1 a5 21.Rfd1 Qb2 22.Rc2 Qa3 23.Bf1 a4 24.Bc4 axb3 25.Bxb3 Doncea,V (2362)-Gordin,A (2327) Bucuresti 94/(376) 2005*)* 13...0-0 14.a3 Nd5 15.Qd2 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 a5 17.e4 Bb5 18.Bf1 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 c6 20.Kg2 a4 21.Qd2 Ra5 22.Rac1 Rb5 23.Rc2 Bf6 24.Qe2 0-1 (51) Velilla Velasco,F (2414)-Johansen,T (2550) 19/322 Argentina 1974 (5)]

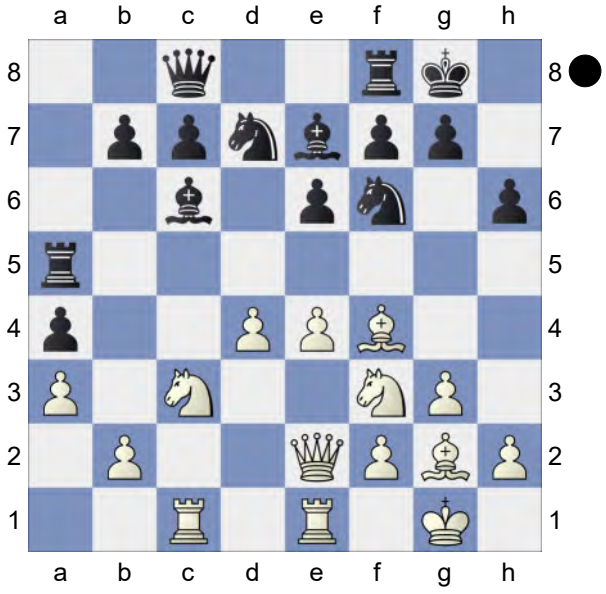
10.Rc1 a4 0.76/20

[10...0-0± 0.40/20 deserves consideration.]

11.0-0± 0-0 12.Rfe1 Nbd7 1.23/19

[12...Ne4± 0.56/20]

13.e4 h6 14.Bf4 Qc8 15.a3 White has more active pieces. **15...Ra5 16.Qe2**



b6 1.94/17

[16...Re8± 1.16/15 17.Qc2 b6]

17.Nd2+- g5 3.07/18

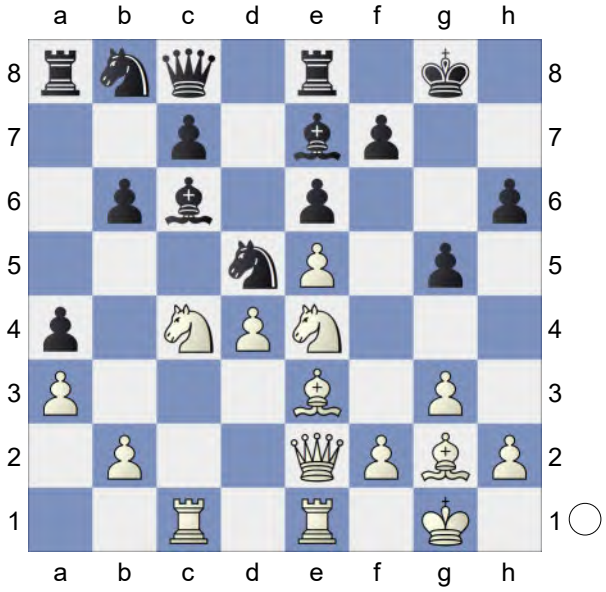
[17...Bb7± 1.58/17 18.Qd1 Qa8]

18.Be3 Re8? 4.63/17

[18...Bb7 2.67/16 was called for. 19.h4 Nh7]

19.Nc4 Ra8 20.e5 Nd5 21.Ne4 aiming for Qh5. **21...Nb8?** 7.53/19

[21...b5 3.67/17 22.Na5 Discovered Attack Nxe3]



22.h4! b5

[22...Kg7 23.hxg5]

23.hxg5

[23.Ncd2 b4 24.Qh5 *(24.hxg5 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Kh7+-)* 24...bxa3 25.bxa3 *(25.hxg5 axb2 26.Nf6+ Nxf6+-; 25.Qxh6 axb2 26.Nf6+ Nxf6+-)* 25...Bxa3 26.Qxh6 Qd7 27.Qxg5+ Kh8 28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.Nf6+ Nxf6]

23...bxc4 24.Nf6+

[24.Rxc4 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Ra6+-]

[24.Qxc4 Nxe3 25.Rxe3 Kh8±]

[24.gxh6 Kh8±]

24...Nxf6 25.gxf6

[Less strong is 25.exf6 Bxg2 26.fxe7 Qb7± *(26...Bd5 27.gxh6 Kh7 28.Rxc4∓)*]

25...Bxf6 26.exf6 Ra5 Black is weak on the dark squares **27.Qg4+ Rg5 28.Bxg5 e5 29.Qh5**

[29.Bxh6+ Qxg4 30.d5 Qg6 31.dxc6 Qxh6-+]

29...Qf5 30.Bxc6 Nxc6 31.Qxh6 Qh7 Prevents Qg7+ **32.Rxc4 Qxh6 33.Bxh6 Kh7 34.Bd2 Nd8 35.Rxe5 Re6 36.Rh5+ Kg6 37.Rh6+ Kf5 38.Rc5+ Ke4 39.Rh4+ Kd3 40.d5 Re4 41.Rc3+ Kd4 42.Rxc7** White wants to mate with Rd7. **42...Rxh4 43.gxh4 Kxd5 44.Rd7+ Ke6 45.Rxd8 Kxf6 46.h5 Ke7 47.Rg8 Kd6 48.h6 Ke6 49.h7 Ke7 50.h8Q Ke6 51.Rd8 f6 52.Qe8+ Kf5 53.Rd5+ Kg4** Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=1.34
54.Qh5#
1-0

77 **E11**
□ **RaspFish** **3047**
■ **ChessDotCpp** **2803**
Rapid 17.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec E11: Bogo-Indian
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Nc3
[9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Ba6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Rc8 14.Nc3 Ng4 15.h3 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 Bc5+ 17.Be3 Bxe3+ 18.Kxe3 b5 19.Qd3 Rc4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Qg5+ 22.Kf2 Qxe5 23.Bxc4 bxc4 ½-½ (31) Buchicchio,G (2800)-11... Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2803) B1) 11.Bc4 2003 (8)]
9...dxc4
[9...Bb7 10.Rfd1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bc3 Qc8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Bxf6 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qc6+ 20.Kg1 f6 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rfd8 23.Rd4 e5 24.Rd3 ½-½ (26) Lima,K (2068)-Lima,S (2312) Brasilia op 2025 (8)]
10.Ne4N
[10.e4 Nbd7 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Ba6 13.Neg5 g6 14.h4 Kg7 15.h5 c5 *(15...c3 16.bxc3 Bxf1 17.Bxf1 b5 18.Qe4 Qe8 19.Bd3 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 h6 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nf3 N7b6 23.Kg2 h5 24.Rh1 Qf7 25.g4 Nc4 26.Bg5 Nxc3 27.Bf6+ Kg8 28.Qe1 Nd5 29.Ng5 Qd7 30.Bxg6* ½-½ (35) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Radjabov,T (2753) 10th Chess 2022 (9.2) *)* 16.Qe4 cxd4 17.Qg4 c3 18.hxg6 cxd2 19.Nxf7 Qc8 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.Bxd5 hxg6 22.Bxa8 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qxa8 24.Ng5 Bxg5 (31) Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (2)]
10...Bb7 11.Ne5 White has compensation. White is slightly better.
11...b5 12.a4
[12.Rfd1 simplifies Nxe4 13.Bxe4 f5 14.Bf3]
12...a6 0.95/21
[12...Nd5= 0.19/20 remains equal.]
13.Ng5!± Qb6 1.33/20
[⌓13...Ra7 0.82/21]
14.h4 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **14...c5** 2.26/29
[14...Qxd4 15.Bc3 Qc5 16.Nexf7 Rxf7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nxf7±]
[14...g6± 0.95/18]
15.dxc5+- Bxc5

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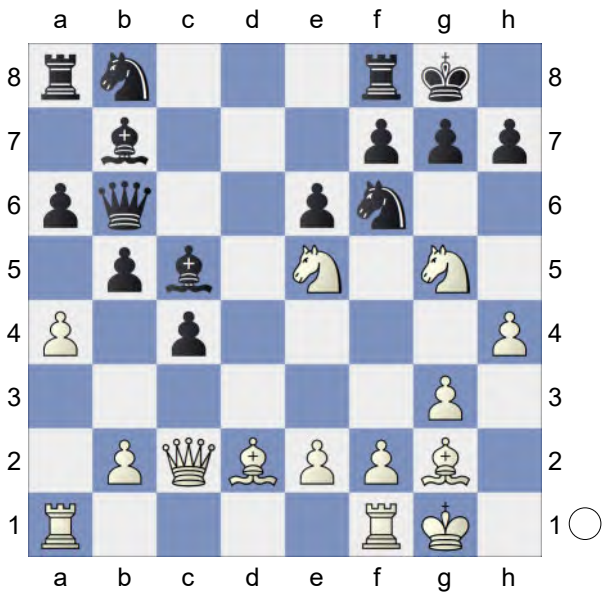
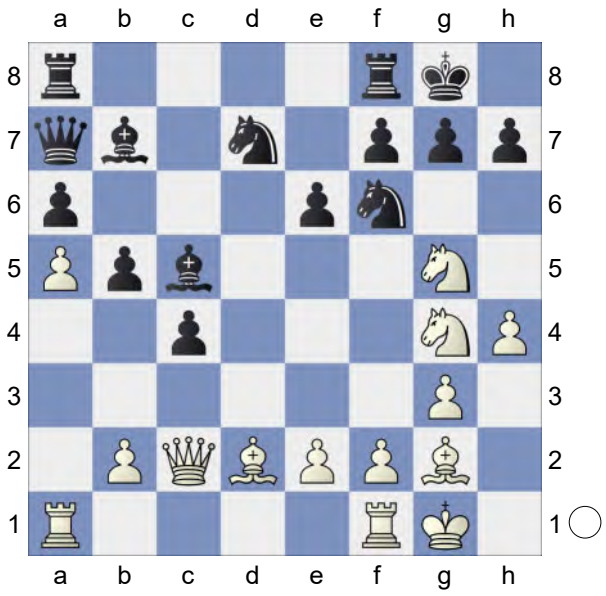


16.Ng4! Deflection **16...Nbd7**
[16...Nxg4 17.Qxh7#]
17.a5! Qa7



18.Bc3!→ White wants a kill. **18...h6**
[18...Nxg4 19.Qxh7#]

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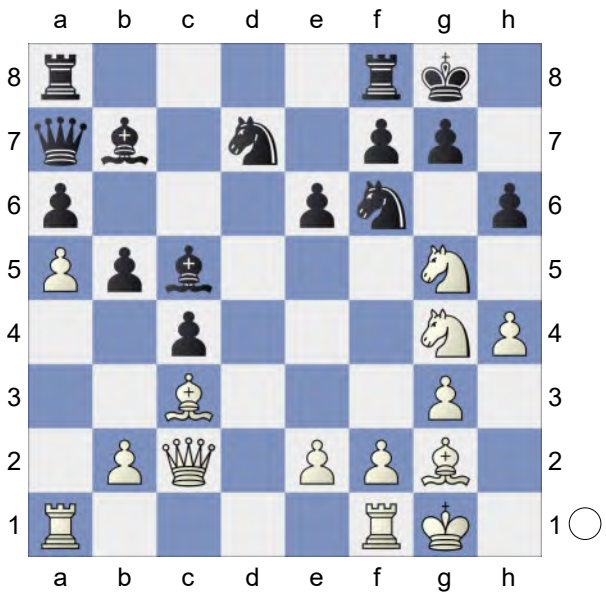
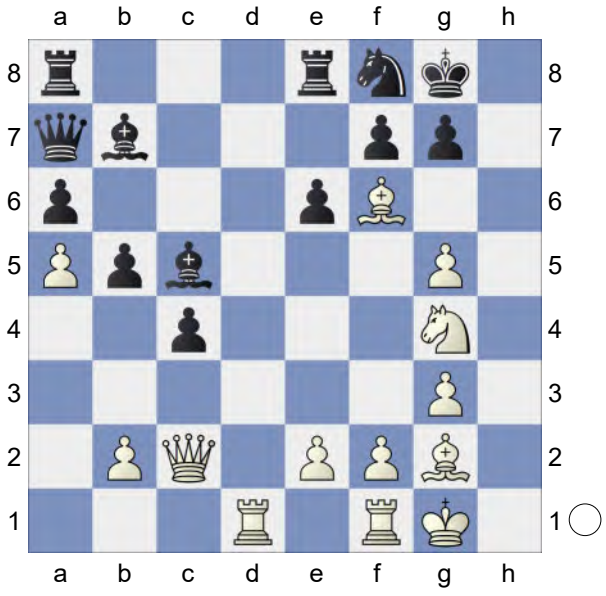
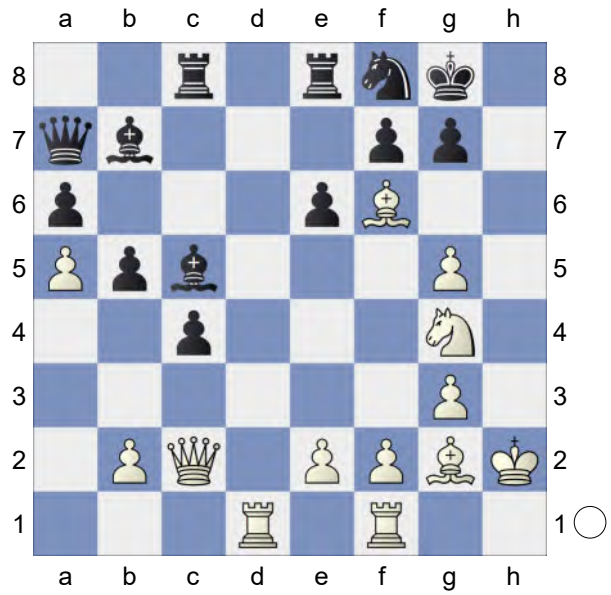


19.Bxf6 hxg5
[19...Nxf6 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Qh7#]
20.hxg5 Rfe8? 2.88/17
[20...Nxf6± 1.31/19 21.gxf6 Bd4]
21.Rad1! Nf8
[21...Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qb7+ *(22...gxf6? 23.Rxd7 f5 24.Rxa7+-)* 23.f3+-]

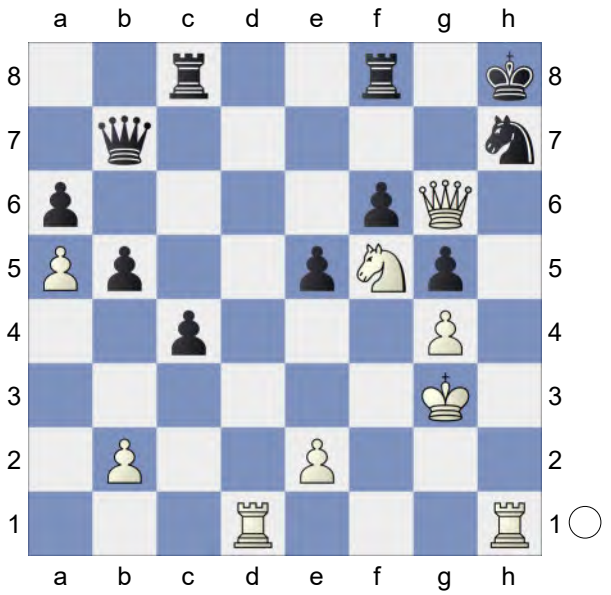


22.Kh2! Black is weak on the dark squares **22...Rac8** 3.46/16
[22...gxf6 23.Nxf6+ Kg7 24.Nh5+ Kg8 *(24...Kh8 25.Nf6=)* 25.Nf6+

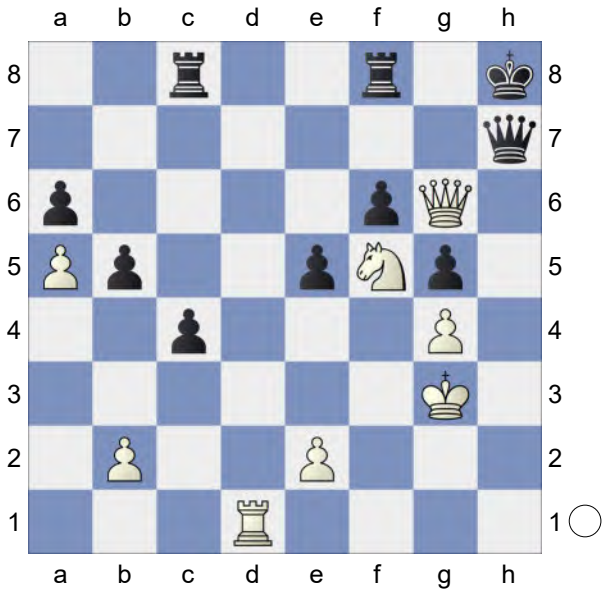
Kg7 26.Rh1=]
[22...b4 2.01/17 was worth a try. 23.Qxc4 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Qb7+ 25.e4 Rec8]



23.Rh1! Bxf2 4.13/18
[23...gxf6 24.gxf6 Rc7 *(24...Bxf2 25.Nh6+* Deflection *Kh8 26.Nxf7+ Kg8 27.Nh6+ Kh8 28.Rd7+-)* 25.Qd2]
[⩲23...b4 2.63/18 24.Kg1 *(24.Bxb7 Qxb7 25.f3 Qb5∓)* 24...b3 25.Nh6+ *(25.Qxc4? Bxf2+* Discovered Attack *26.Nxf2 Rxc4-+)* 25...gxh6 26.Rxh6 *(26.Qxc4? Bxf2+ 27.Kf1 Bxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Rxc4-+)* 26...Bxf2+ 27.Kh2 Bxg3+ Decoy *(27...bxc2 28.Rh8#)* 28.Kxg3 Qe3+ *(28...bxc2 29.Rh8#)* 29.Kg4 Qxe2+ *(29...bxc2 30.Rh8#; 29...Bf3+ 30.Bxf3+-)* 30.Qxe2 Ng6]
[23...c3 24.Bxc3]
24.Bxb7 Qxb7 25.Nxf2 gxf6 26.Ng4
[26.gxf6 Rc5±]
26...fxg5 27.Qc1
[27.Nf6+ Kg7 28.Nh5+ Kh6=]
27...Qe7 Hoping for ...f5. **28.Qc3** Nf6+ is the strong threat. **28...e5 29.Nh6+ Kh7 30.Nf5 Qb7** 9.54/27
[⩲30...Qf6 4.91/21]
31.g4
[Stronger than 31.Nd6 Qc6=]
31...Kg8 32.Qh3 f6 33.Kg3 Nh7 34.Qh5 Rf8 35.Qg6+ Kh8



36.Rxh7+! Clearance **36...Qxh7**

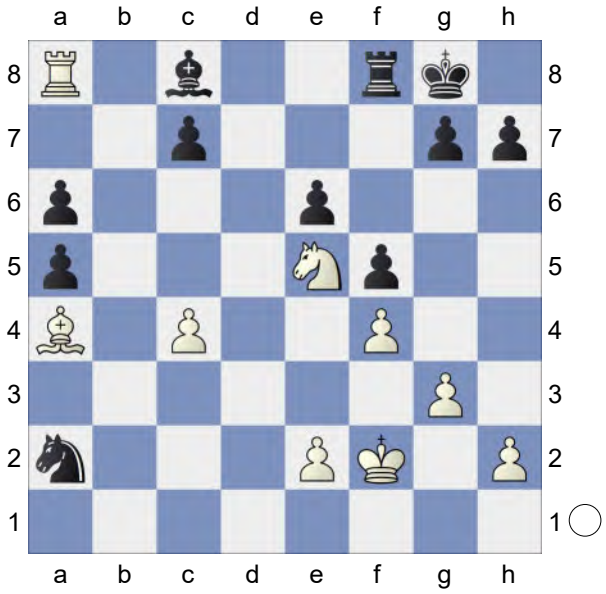


37.Rh1! Pin. White is clearly winning. **37...Rc7 38.Rxh7+ Rxh7 39.Ne3 Rd7 40.Qe4 Rc7 41.Qh1+ Kg8 42.Qd5+ Kg7 43.Qd6** Threatening mate with Nf5+. **43...Rff7 44.Qxa6 c3 45.bxc3 Rxc3 46.Kf2 Rcc7 47.Nf5+ Kh7 48.Qa8 e4 49.Qxe4 b4 50.Qh1+ Kg8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.73
51.Nh6+
1-0

76 **E04**
□ **RaspFish** **3047**
■ **odonata-bot** **2799**
Blitz 16.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.0-0 Bxd2 9.Nbxd2 Nb6 10.Qa3 The position is equal. **10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Rfd1 Qd6 13.Qc3 0-0 14.Nxc4 Qc5 15.Na5N**
[15.Rac1 Qxc4 16.Qxc4 Nxc4 17.Rxc4 c6 18.f4 e5 19.fxe5 Be6 E 04/54 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
15...Qxc3 16.bxc3 Rb8 17.c4 Na4 18.Rdb1 Nc3
[18...Kh8!?]
19.Rb2 White has compensation.
19...Na4 20.Rb4 Nc5 21.Rab1 Re8 22.Nc6 -0.01/22
[22.Rb5± 0.37/25 feels stronger. Na4 *(22...b6? 23.Rxc5* Pin *Ba6 24.Nc6+-)* 23.Nc6 *(23.Nxb7? Nc3-+)*]
22...Ra8=
[22...bxc6? 23.Rxb8 Rd8 24.Ra8+- *(24.Bxc6 Kf8+-)*]
23.Na5 Rb8! 24.Rb5 Na4
[24...b6? 25.Rxc5 Ba6 26.Nc6+- *(26.Rxc7 bxa5 27.Rxb8 Rxb8±)*]
25.Nc6↑ Double Attack. White is pushing.
[25.Nxb7? Nc3 26.c5 *(26.Bc6? Nxb1 27.Rxb1 Rd8-+)* 26...Nxb5 *(26...Nxe2+? 27.Kh1-+)* 27.Rxb5 Rd8-+]
25...Ra8 26.Ra5! Nc3 0.96/24
[26...Nb6!= 0.26/25]
27.Rb2!± f5
[27...bxc6? 28.Bxc6+-]
28.Ne5 White is more active. This move loses the game for Black. **28...b6?** 2.94/24
[28...Ne4± 0.80/22]
29.Bxa8+- bxa5 30.Bc6 Rd8 31.Rb8 Rf8 32.Ra8 a6 33.f4! Nxa2 White must now prevent ...Nc3. **34.Kf2 Nb4 35.Ba4 Na2** 3.48/21
[⌓35...Bb7 2.19/22 36.Ra7 Ba8 37.Rxc7 *(37.Bd7 Kh8+-)* 37...Kh8]



36.Ke3! Nc3 37.Bc6 Threatens to win with Kd2. **37...a4** 3.93/22
[37...g5 2.53/20 was worth a try. 38.Kd2 *(38.fxg5 a4±)* 38...Ne4+ 39.Kc2 *(39.Bxe4 fxe4 40.fxg5 e3+ 41.Kc3 Bb7±)* 39...Nd6 40.fxg5 Nf7 41.Nxf7 Kxf7]
38.Kd2 Ne4+ 39.Kc2 a3? 5.01/22
[39...g5 2.87/18 40.Ra7 *(40.Bxa4 Bb7±)* 40...a3]
40.Bxe4

[40.Kb3 a2 41.Kxa2 Nc3+ 42.Ka3 Nxe2+-]

40...fxe4 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is two pawns up. **41.e3**

[41.Kb3 e3 42.Ra7 *(42.Kxa3 Bb7±)* 42...g5 43.Rxc7 *(43.fxg5 Rf5±)* 43...gxf4+-]

41...g5 42.Kb3

[Weaker is 42.fxg5 Kg7+- *(42...Bb7? 43.Rxf8+ Kxf8 44.h4+-)*]

42...gxf4 43.gxf4

[43.Kxa3? perishes. fxe3 44.Rb8 e2-+]

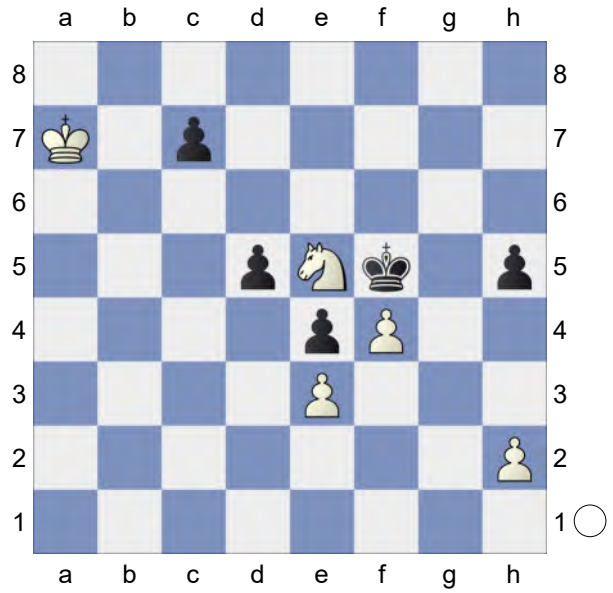
43...Bb7 44.Ra7 Rb8 45.Kxa3 a5 6.87/22

[⌓45...Kg7 4.40/20 46.Kb2 Ba8+ 47.Kc3 Rc8 48.Rxa6 Re8]

46.Ka4

[46.Rxa5 Ra8 47.Rxa8+ Bxa8±]

46...h5 47.Kxa5 Kg7 48.Nd7 Ra8 49.Rxa8 Deflection **49...Bxa8** KB-KN **50.Ka6 Kg6 51.Ne5+ Kf5 52.Ka7 Bd5 53.cxd5 exd5**



KN-KP **54.Nc6! Kg4 55.Kb7 h4 56.Kxc7** KN-K3P **56...Kh3 57.f5** Intending f6 and mate. **57...Kxh2 58.f6 h3 59.f7 Kg2 60.f8Q h2 61.Qg7+ Kh3 62.Qh6+ Kg2 63.Qg5+ Kf2 64.Qf4+ Kg2 65.Qg4+ Kf2 66.Qh3 h1Q 67.Qxh1 Kxe3 68.Kd6 d4 69.Qh3+ Ke2 70.Nxd4+ Kf2 71.Qh2+** 12.73/5

[⌓71.Ke5 #5/12 Kg1 72.Kxe4 Kf2 73.Nf3 Ke2 74.Qg2+ Kd1 75.Qd2#]

71...Ke3 72.Ke5 White mates. **72...Kd3 73.Qc2+ Ke3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.78

74.Qe2#

1-0

80 **E08**

□ **Fipsi_x** **3046**

■ **pawn_git** **2681**

Blitz 22.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 h6 10.Rd1 b6N

[10...a5

A) 11.Ne5 Nh5 *(11...a4 12.Nc3 a3 13.b3 g5 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Bd2 f5 16.e3 Rf7 17.Ne2 Qf8 18.Nc1 h5 19.Nd3 Rh7 20.f3 g4 21.Nf4 Nf6 22.Ng6 Qg7 23.Nxe7+ Qxe7 24.f4 h4 25.Be1 hxg3 26.Bxg3* ½-½ (27) Goganov,A (2531)-Aditya,M (2563) Uralsk op 2023 (9) *)* 12.Bc1 Nhf6 13.Nc3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.e4 Bc5 17.Rd2 d4 18.Na4 Ba7 19.b3 b5 20.Nc5 Nxe5 21.Bb2 Qe7 22.Rc1 Bb7 23.Bxd4 Rac8 24.Bxe5 Rxc5 25.Qb2 Rxc1+ ½-½ (50) Moiseenko,A (2662)-Sivenkov,O (2668) Daring Defences 2011 (4);

B) 11.a3 a4 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.Ne5

Qa6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Nd3 Nb6 16.Nc5 Qa5 17.Bd2 Qa7 18.h3 Re8 19.Rac1 Nfd7 20.Nxd7 Bxd7 21.Na2 Nc4 22.Bb4 Bg5 23.e3 g6 24.h4 Bf5 25.Qe2 Bf6 0-1 (81) Samunenkov,I (2543)-Van Foreest,L (2520) EU-ch Blitz Skopje 2024 (12);

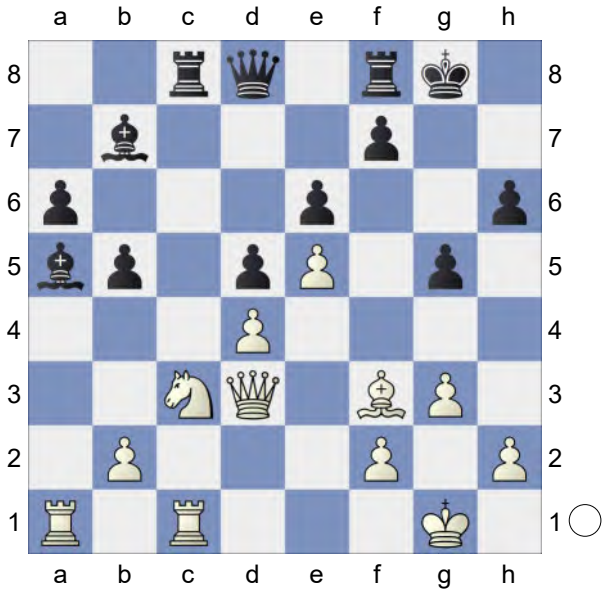
C) 11.b3 Ne4 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe4 Nd7 14.Bg2 f5 15.Nc3 g5 16.Bc1 Nf6 17.f3 Bd7 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 e5 20.exf5 exd4 21.Na4 b5 22.cxb5 cxb5 23.Bxa8 Qxa8 24.Nb6 Qa7 25.Nxd7 0-1 (44) Erdogmus,Y (2454)-Atakhan,A (2410) Ayvalik Akasya 2023 (6)]

11.Ne5 Bb7 The position is equal. **12.Nc3 g5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Be3 Ne8 15.Qa4 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Ng7 17.Bd4** White wants to play e4. **17...Nf5 18.e3! a6 19.Rdc1 b5 20.Qd1 Nxd4 21.exd4 Qb6 22.a4 Rac8 23.a5 Qd8 24.Bf3 Bb4** 0.66/18

[24...Rc4= 0.20/18]

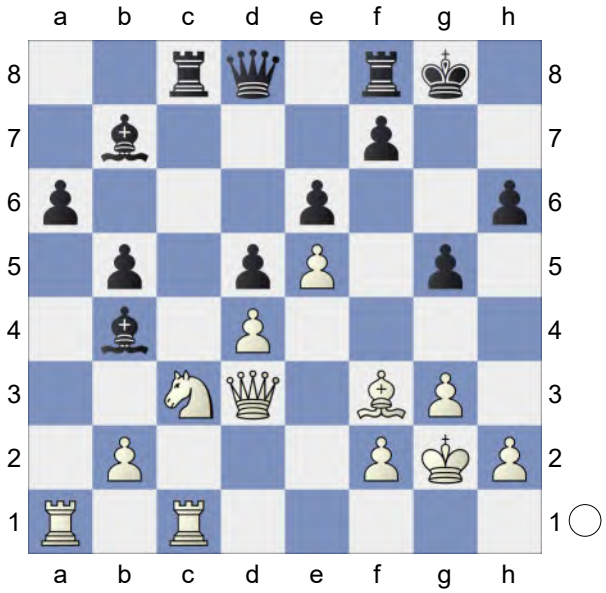
25.Qd3!± Bxa5 0.74/18

[25...Rc4= 0.14/18 remains equal.]



26.Kg2!± Bb4 0.70/19

[26...f5 0.34/17 might be stronger.]



27.h4! gxh4 28.Rh1 Be7 29.Ne2 0.25/17 White has more active pieces.

[29.Bh5± 0.97/18]

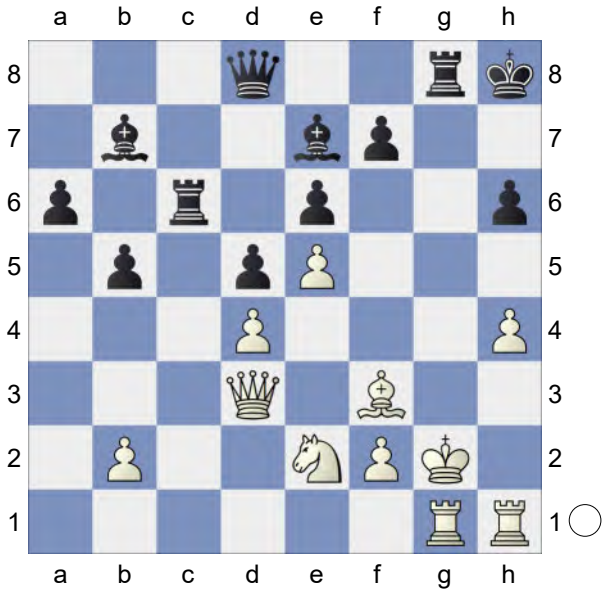
This move loses the game for Black.

29...Rc6? 2.81/21

[29...Kh8= 0.25/17]

30.Rag1+- Kh8 31.gxh4 Rg8+? 4.85/19

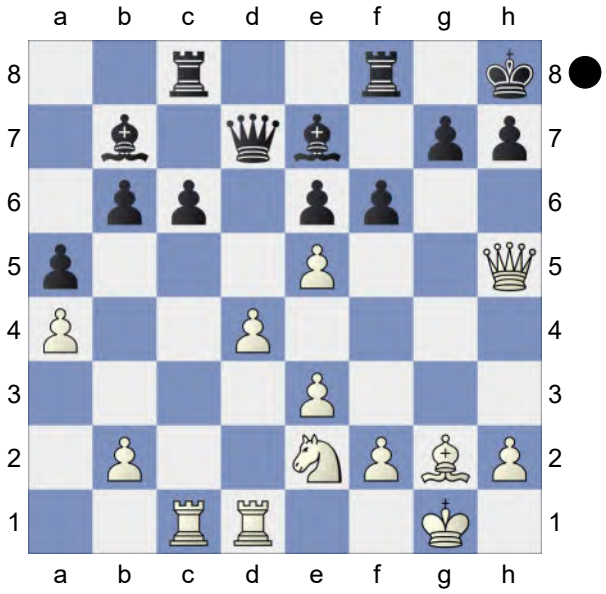
[31...Bxh4 2.31/19 32.Kf1 Bg5]



32.Kh3! Qf8 5.87/19
[⌓32...Bxh4 3.82/20 33.Rxg8+ Kxg8]
33.Bh5 Rxg1 34.Rxg1 Rc4 35.Qf3 Rc7 36.Nf4
[Weaker is 36.Bxf7 Bg5+-]
36...Bb4 37.Qd3 Rc4 38.Bd1 Bc5 39.Bc2 Rxc2 40.Qxc2 Bxd4 41.Qe2 Bb6 42.Qf3 Bc5 43.Nh5 Be7 Against Qf6+ **44.Qf4 d4 45.Nf6 Bxf6 46.exf6** Endgame KQR-KQB **46...Bc8 47.Kh2** and Rg7! should not be overlooked
[47.Qxd4? loses. e5+-+]
47...Bb7 48.Rg7 Qxg7 49.fxg7+ Kxg7 50.Qxd4+ Kg8 51.Qf4 Bd5 52.Qxh6 Bf3 53.Kg3 Threatening mate with Kf4!. **53...Bb7 54.Kf4** White mates. **54...Bh1 55.Ke5 Bf3 56.Kf6 Bh5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.96
57.Qg7#
1-0

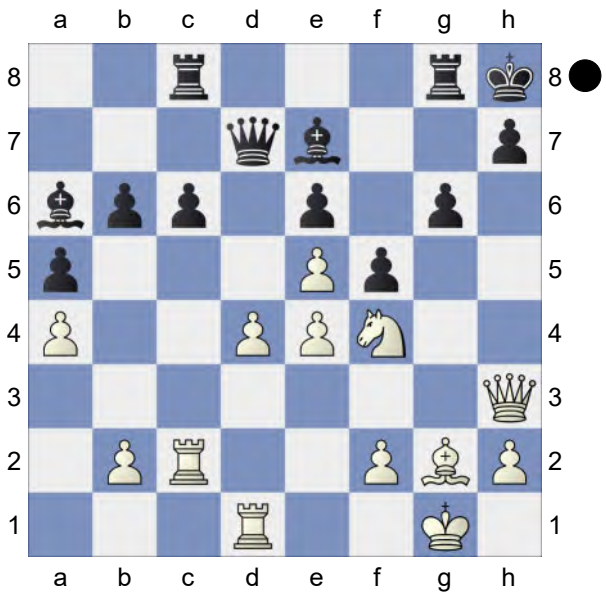
79 **E11**
□ **LeelaNet** **3046**
■ **magnusglad_bot** **2902**
Rapid 26.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+2sec E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Bf4 Bb7 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Nd2 Nd5 13.Nxc4 Nxf4 14.gxf4 Qc7 15.e3 Rac8 16.a4N
[16.Rab1 Nf6 17.b4 Nd5 18.a3 f5 19.Ne5 Bd6 20.Rbc1 Qe7 21.Qa4 a6 22.Qb3 g5 23.fxg5 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qxg5 25.Kh1 Kh8 26.f4 Qh5 27.Nxd5 cxd5 28.Qb2 Rg8 29.Rg1 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Rc8 ½-½ (41) Dautov,R (2606)-Tiviakov,S (2608) NED-GER m Venlo 2000 (1.2)]
[16.Rac1 a6 *(16...Nf6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.b4 c5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.b5 Qf3 22.Ne5 Qh3 23.Qe2* E 08/15 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008) 17.Ne4 Rfd8 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Ba8 20.Qb1 c5 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Qe4 Nf6 24.Qf3 h6 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Qxe4 E 08/15 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
16...a6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 a5 19.Rac1 Kh8 20.Qe2 f6 21.Qh5 Qd7 22.Ne2



Rg8! 23.Qh3 f5 24.Nf4 g6 25.Rc3 Bb4 26.Rc4 Ba6 27.Rc2 Be7 28.e4

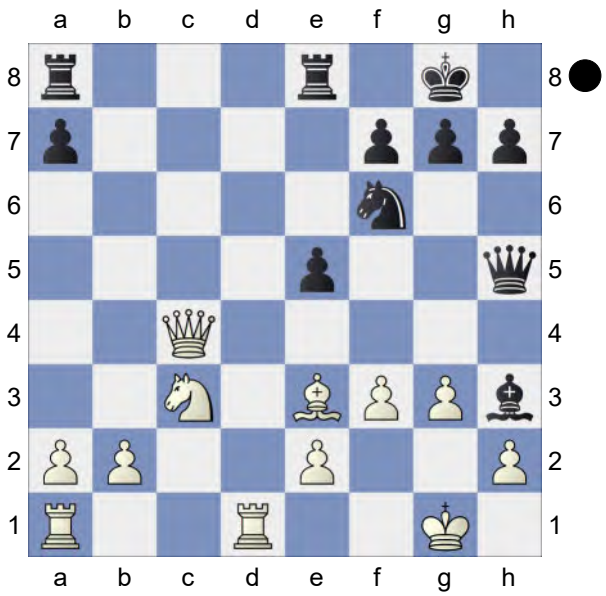
(Diagram)



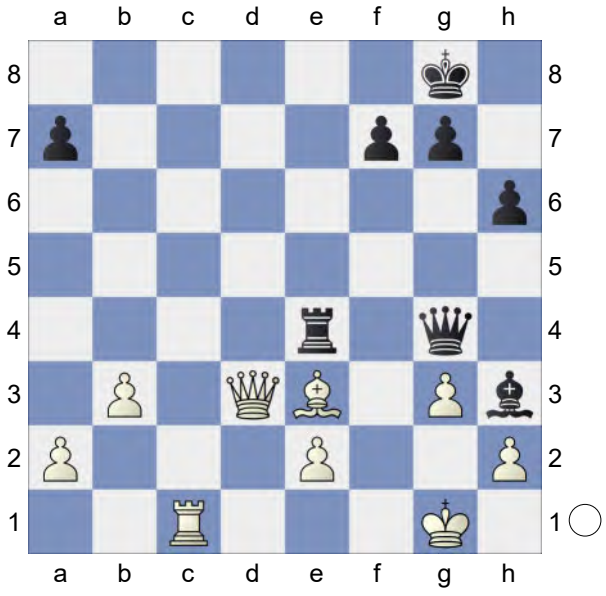
Bg5! 29.Qg3 Bh6 30.Qh4 Bxf4
[30...g5 31.Qxh6 gxf4 32.Qf6+ Qg7]
31.Qxf4 With the idea d5. **31...Rgf8 32.Qh6 Bb7 33.Rcd2 fxe4** The position is equal. **34.Bxe4 Qf7 35.f3 Qc7 36.h4** h5! would now be deadly. **36...c5 37.Bxb7**
[37.Bxg6? Rxf3 38.Rg2 Rg8-+]
37...Qxb7 38.d5⇄ White is not holding back
[38.dxc5 looks sharper. Qxf3 39.Rd7 Qg4+ 40.Kh1]
38...Rce8 39.dxe6 Rd7 would kill now. **39...Qxf3 40.Rd7 Qg3+**
[40...Rxe6 41.Qxh7#]
41.Kh1 Qh3+
[41...Qxe5 42.Qxh7#]
42.Kg1 Qg3+
[42...Qxe6 43.Qxh7#]
43.Kh1 Qf3+
[43...Qxe5 44.Qxh7#]
44.Kg1 Qg4+
[44...Rxe6 45.Qxh7#]
45.Kh1 Really sharp! **45...Qh3+**
[45...Qxe6 46.Qxh7#]
46.Kg1 Qg4+
[46...Qxe6 47.Qxh7#]
47.Kh1 Qe4+
[47...Qxe6 48.Qxh7#]
48.Kg1 An even fight not without its subleties.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
48...Qg4+
[Worse is 48...Qxe5 49.Qxh7#]
½-½

82 **E05**
□ **RaspFish** **3045**
■ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3031**
Rapid 05.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

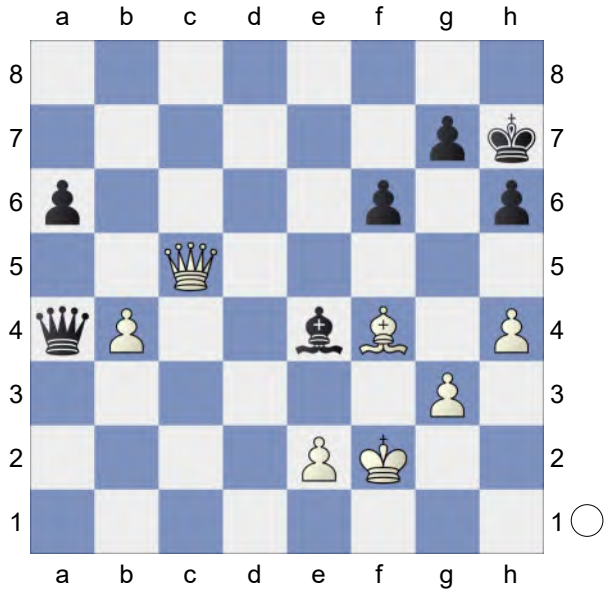
Blitz 8min+1sec E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
As the 7.Ne5 Open Catalan has featured in a lot of high-level games recently, it's a good time for an update. **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Ne5 Nc6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Nxc6 Qe8 10.Nxe7+ Qxe7** The position is equal. **11.Qc2 c5 12.dxc5**
[12.Qxc4 cxd4 13.Qxd4 e5 14.Qh4 Rb8 *(14...h6)* 15.b3 Qe6 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Na3 Bb7 18.f3 Rfc8 19.Qd3 Qe6 20.Nc4 Ba6 21.Be3 e4 22.Qd2 Rd8 23.Qc1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Re8 25.Qc2 Qc6 26.Be1 exf3 ½-½ (41) Tomashevsky,E (2747)-Jakovenko,D (2759) 68th ch-RUS 2015 (1.3)]
12...Qxc5 13.Be3 Against e5 **13...Qh5 14.f3** Dodges Ng4 **14...Re8N**
[14...e5 15.Nd2 Re8 16.Qxc4 Bh3 17.Rfe1 e4 18.Bd4 Rac8 19.Qa4 Qd5 20.Rad1 exf3 21.exf3 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 h6 Chapter-6.0-0 dxc4 7. Ne5 Nc6 8.Bxc6 2024]
15.Qxc4 e5 16.Nc3 Bh3 17.Rfd1



e4! 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.fxe4 Rac8 20.Qd3 Qg4 21.Rac1 h6 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.b3 Qg4 24.Rc1 Rxe4



25.Rc8+! Deflection **25...Qxc8 26.Qxe4=** Endgame KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up. **26...a6 27.Kf2 Bf5 28.Qd5 Bb1 29.a3 Qh3 30.Kg1 Qc8 31.Kf2 Qh3 32.Kg1 Qc8 33.Bf4 Bg6 34.h4 Bf5 35.Qc4 Qb7 36.b4 Kh7 37.Qc7 Qe4 38.Qe5 Qb1+ 39.Kf2 Bh3 40.Qc3 Qf1+ 41.Ke3 Bf5** Prevents Qd3 **42.Be5 f6 43.Bd6 Qd1 44.Bb8 Bg6 45.Kf2 Bf5 46.Qe3 Qd5 47.Bf4 Be4 48.Qb6 Qc4 49.Qc5 Qb3 50.Qd6 Qc4 51.Qc5 Qb3 52.a4 Qxa4**

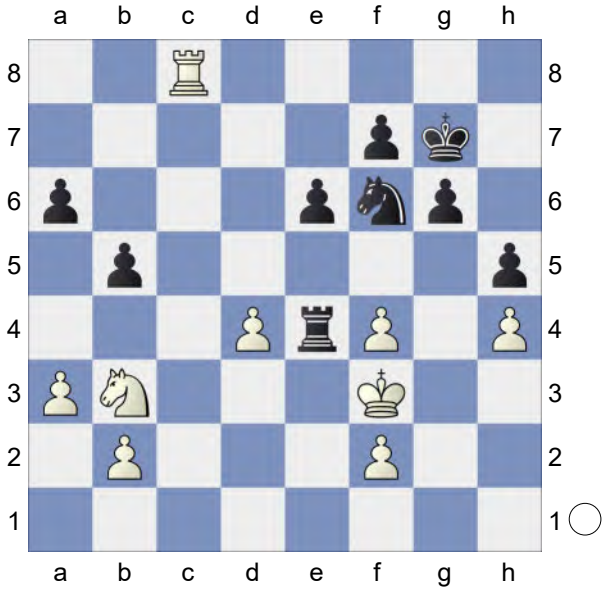


53.Bxh6! Decoy **53...Qd7 54.Bf4 Bc6 55.Qd6 Qc8**
[55...Qb7 with more complications. 56.h5 Bb5 57.Qe6 Qh1]
56.Qd3+ Kh8 57.Qd6 Be8 58.Qf8+ Kh7 59.h5 White wants to play h6. **59...Bd7 60.Qxc8 Bxc8 61.Kf3 g5 62.hxg6+** An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
62...Kxg6
½-½

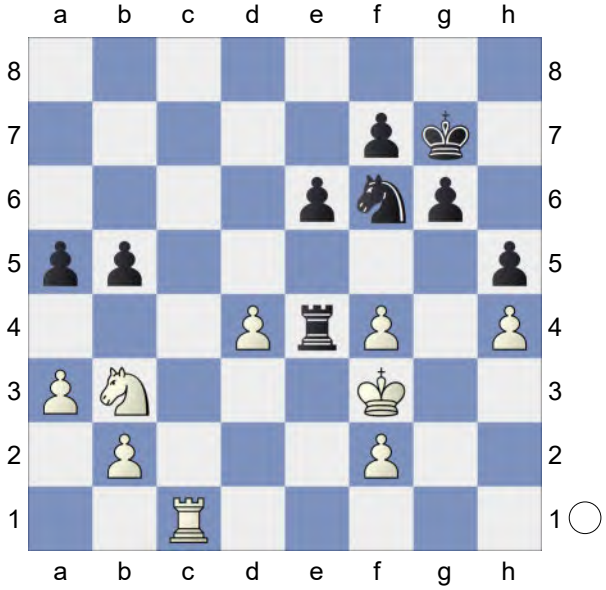
81 **E03**
□ **Mithril-SF** **3045**
■ **BitByByte** **2827**
Blitz 08.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec E03: Open Catalan: 5 Qa4+ Nbd7 6 Qxc4
Morozevich,A: 'Inf 71/513' **1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Bg2 a6 7.Qxc4 b5 8.Qc6 Rb8 9.Bf4 Bb7 10.Qxc7 Qxc7**

11.Bxc7 The position is equal.
11...Bb4+! 12.Nbd2! Rc8 13.Bf4 Rc2 14.Rb1
[14.0-0 Nd5 15.Nb3 Rxb2 16.Bd2 Nc3 17.Bxc3 Bxc3 18.Rfc1 b4 19.Nfd2 Bd5 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Nb1 Rxb3 22.axb3 Bxa1 23.Rc8+ Ke7 24.Rxh8 Bxd4 25.e3 Be5 26.Ra8 Nc5 27.Kf1 Kd7 28.Ke2 Kc6 ½-½ (29) Oll,L (2645)-Morozevich,A (2590) (m/2) 71/513 1997]
14...0-0 0.37/25
[14...Bxd2+= 0.01/23 15.Bxd2 0-0 16.Nh4 Ne4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.f3 Bd5 19.Kd1 Rfc8 20.Bc3 R8xc3 21.bxc3 Rxa2 22.Ng2 Bb3+ 23.Ke1 Bc4 24.Nf4 Nb6 25.Rd1 Nd5 26.Rd2 Ra1+ 27.Rd1 Ra2 28.Rd2 Ra1+ 29.Rd1 Ra2 30.Rd2 Ra1+ ½-½ Premnath,R (2100)-Hlavacek,J (2202) 13/218 Vrnjacka Banja 1972 (7)]
15.0-0!± Bxd2N
[15...Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Rxe2 17.a3 Be7 18.Rfc1 Nd5 19.Kf1 Rxb2 20.Rxb2 Bxa3 21.Ra2 Bxc1 22.Bxc1 Rc8 23.Bd2 b4 24.Ne1 N7b6 25.Rxa6 b3 26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Ra1 Nb6 28.Ke2 b2 29.Rb1 Na4 30.Nd3 1-0 (31) 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Qd2-Everett,M 39. European Club Cup 2010 h5 31.Nc5 1-0 6.♗e3 ♘bd7 7.♕d2_54497-Everett,M 39. European Club Cup 2010]
16.Nxd2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nd5 18.Nb3 Nxf4+ 19.gxf4 Rxe2 20.Rfc1!↑ Prevents Rc8. Black is under pressure.
20...Re4 21.Kf3 Nf6 22.Rc5 0.01/27
[22.Rc3± 0.45/25 is more appropriate. h6 23.h4]
22...h6 23.a3 Rd8 24.Rbc1 g6 25.h4 White now steadily converts the win.
25...h5? 4.01/30
[25...Rexd4= 0.24/25 and Black has nothing to worry. 26.Nxd4 Rxd4]
26.Rc8!+-
[26.Re5 Rxe5 27.fxe5 Ng4∓]
26...Rxc8 27.Rxc8+ Endgame KRN-KRN **27...Kg7**



28.Rc1 Dodges Re1
[28.Ra8 Re1=]
28...a5



Threatens to win with ...a4. **29.Rd1! Ng4 30.Nc5** Trapped Piece
[Inferior is 30.Kxe4 Nxf2+ 31.Ke5 Nxd1 32.Nxa5 Nxb2∓]

30...Nxf2 31.Rd2 Zwischenzug
[31.Kxf2 Rxf4+ 32.Kg3 Rg4+ 33.Kh3 a4+-]
31...Re1 32.Rxf2 KRN-KR
[Less strong is 32.Kxf2 Rh1 33.d5 exd5+-]
32...Rd1 33.Rh2 Rxd4 34.Ke3 Rd1 35.Nd3 f6 36.Kd4 Kh7 5.10/21
[⌓36...a4 3.42/20 37.Rh3 Rd2]
37.Rh3 Rd2 38.Kc5
[38.Re3 e5+ 39.fxe5 fxe5+ 40.Rxe5 Rh2+-]
38...b4 39.axb4 Rc2+ 40.Kb5 axb4 41.Kxb4 e5 42.Kb3 Re2 43.fxe5 fxe5 44.Kc3 e4 45.Nc5 e3 46.Nd3 Rg2 47.Rxe3 Rg4 48.Re7+ Kh6 49.b4 b5 is the strong threat. **49...g5** 7.57/20
[⌓49...Rxh4 4.89/20 50.b5 Ra4]
50.hxg5+ Rxg5 51.Re6+ Kg7 52.Re5 Rg3 53.Rxh5 Kg6 54.Rc5 Kg7 55.b5 White threatens b6 and mate. **55...Kf6 56.b6 Rg8 57.b7 Rb8 58.Rc7 Kf5 59.Nc5 Ke5 60.Rc8 Rxb7 61.Nxb7 Ke6 62.Rf8 Ke5 63.Nc5 Kd5 64.Rf6 Kxc5** KR-K **65.Re6 Kd5 66.Re2 Kc5 67.Rd2 Kb5 68.Kd4 Kb6 69.Kd5 Kb5 70.Rb2+ Ka4 71.Kc4 Ka5?** #5/12
[71...Ka3= 0.00/13]
72.Rb3 6.36/5
[⌓72.Rb1 #5/12 Ka6 73.Kc5 Ka7 74.Kc6 Ka8 75.Kc7 Ka7 76.Ra1#]
72...Ka6 73.Kc5 White mates. **73...Ka7 74.Kc6 Ka8 75.Kc7 Ka7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.34
76.Ra3#
1-0

85 **E00**
□ **ArasanX** **3044**
■ **odonata-bot** **2811**
Rapid 04.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+5sec D30: Queen's Gambit Declined: Systems without Nc3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ c6 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qd3 Bb7 8.Bg2 Nbd7 9.0-0 a6! 10.Nfd2 Qb6 The position is equal. **11.a4 Be7**
[11...Rd8 12.axb5 cxb5 13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.Qf3 Qb6 15.Nb3 Bb4 16.Bd2 Bxd2 17.N1xd2 0-0 18.Ra5 e5 19.Rfa1 Ra8 20.e3 Rfe8 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 exd4 23.Qxd4 Qb7 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.Qxc5 Rac8 26.Qf5 0-1 (42) El Debs,F (2531)-Supi,L (2582) Gaudium Masters Final blitz 2023 (3.4)]
12.Nc3N
[12.axb5 cxb5 *(12...axb5 13.Rxa8+ Bxa8 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Nb3 Bb7 16.Be3 Nd5 17.Ne4 b4 18.Ra1 Ra8 19.Rxa8+ Bxa8 20.Nec5 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Qa7 22.Bd4 Qa4 23.e4 Nf6 24.Qc4 Nd7 25.Bh3 Kf8 26.Bf1 Bb7 27.f4* 1-0 (87) Leplay,J (2627)-Kaminski,V (2617) Sao Paulo 1979*)* 13.e4 0-0 14.Nc3 Rfd8 15.Nb3 Ne5 16.Qe2 Nc4 17.Rd1 Rac8 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.e5 Bxg2 21.exf6 Qb7 22.Qg4 g6 23.Nc5 Qf3 24.Qh4 Bh1 25.Qh3 Nxb2 26.Re1 Rxd4 0-1 (32) Urban,K (2468)-Socko,B (2657) POL-chT 66th 2010 (4) 27.Nxe6 Rh4 28.Qf1 Rxc3 29.gxh4 fxe6 30.h3 Qxh3 31.Qxh3 Rxh3 32.f3 Bxf3 0-1 13.♔b1 ♗b7 14.g5 ♖c8 (2468)-Udeshi,A (2657) C) 5...d5 (4)]
12...0-0 13.Nb3 Rac8 14.Be3 Rfd8
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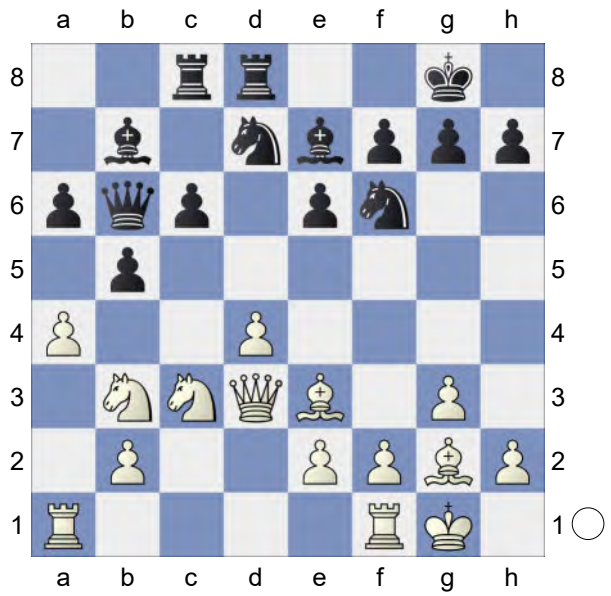
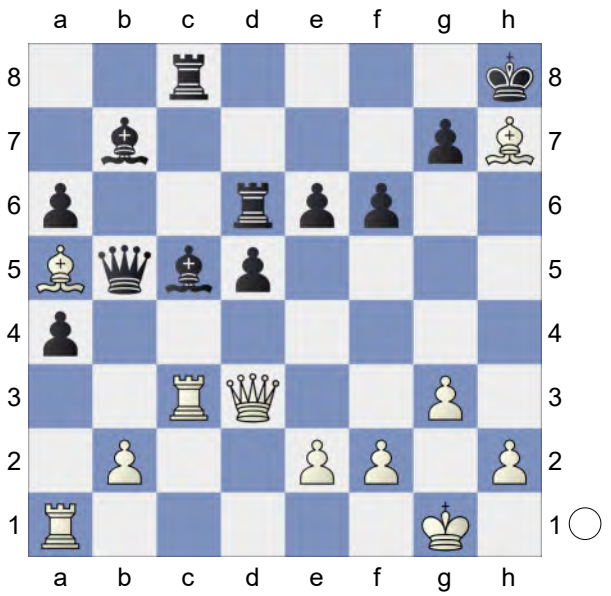
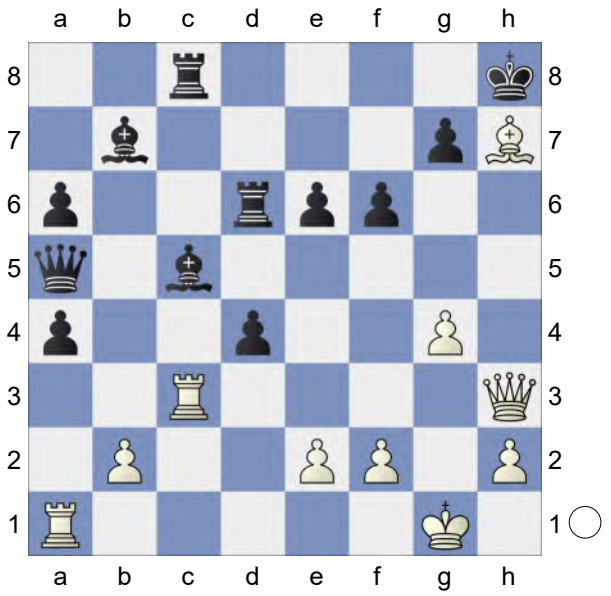


...c5 would now be deadly. **15.d5! Nc5 16.Ne4 Nfxe4**
[16...Rxd5? 17.Nxf6+ *(17.Nbxc5? Rxd3 18.exd3 Nd5-+)* 17...gxf6 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.axb5+-]
17.Bxe4 cxd5 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.Bg5 f6 21.Bd2 bxa4 22.Bg6 Qb3!
[22...Qxb2? 23.Rfb1 *(23.Rxa4 Bc6+-; 23.Rab1 Qd4+-)* 23...Qe5 24.Qf3+-]
23.Rfc1 Kg8
[23...Qxb2? 24.Rcb1 *(24.Rxa4 Qb6+-; 24.Rab1 Qd4+-)* 24...Qe5 25.Rxa4+-]
24.Bh7+ Kh8 25.Ba5 Rd6 26.Rc3
[26.Qg6 looks sharper. d4 27.Qh5 Qd5 28.Bf5+]
26...Qb5
[26...Qxb2? 27.Rb1 *(27.Rxa4 d4∓)* 27...d4 28.Rc4+- *(28.Rxb2 dxc3 29.Rxb7 Rxd3+-)*]

(Diagram)



27.g4! Qxa5 28.Qh3!⇄ White puts up resistance **28...d4!**



29.b4! Qxb4 30.Rd3 White now steadily converts the win. **30...Qb2?** 2.01/20
[30...Rb6!= 0.01/18 31.e4 Rc7]
31.Re1+- White has strong compensation. **31...f5** 2.91/21
[31...Qb4± 1.41/18 32.Rc1 Rdc6]

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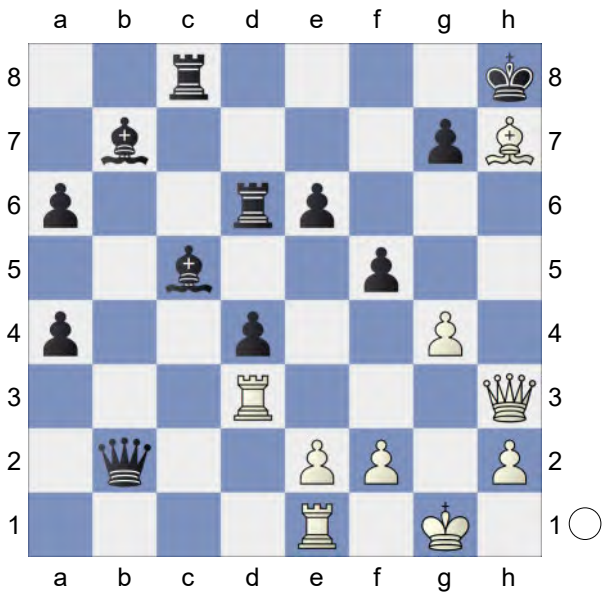
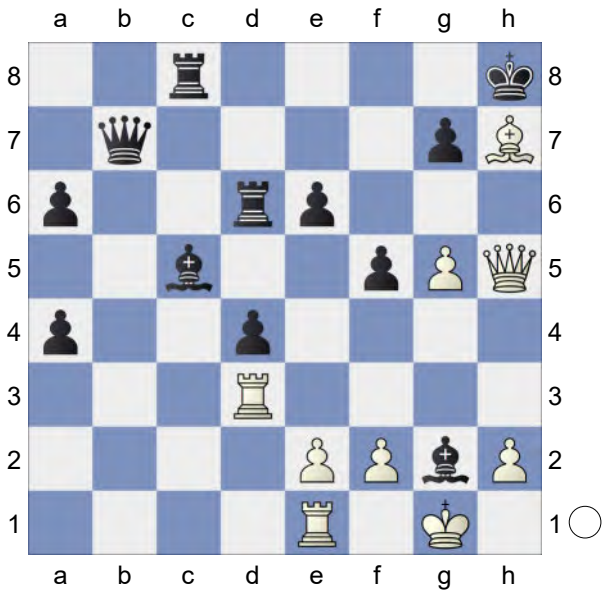
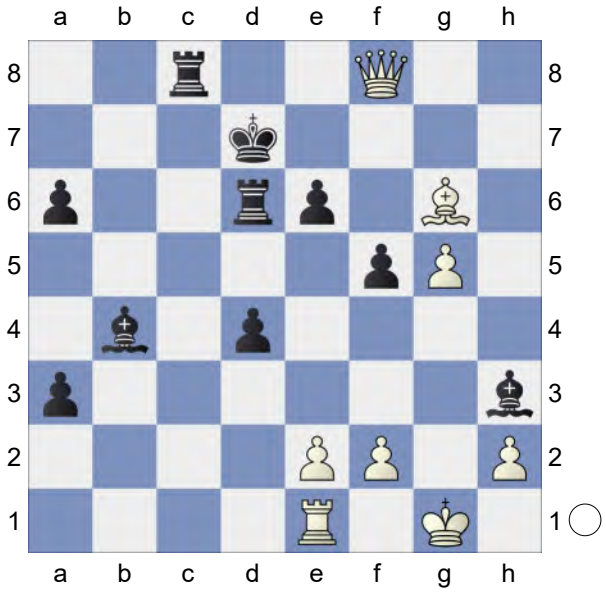


32.g5! Bg2?? 3.88/20 33.Qh5 Qb7? 5.15/24
[33...Rb8 1.68/17]



34.Rh3! Bxh3 35.Bg6+ Kg8 36.Qh7+
[36.Qxh3? Rb6 37.e4 dxe3 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Qh8+ Ke7 40.Qxg7+ Kd6 41.Rd1+ Kc6 42.Qxb7+ Kxb7-+ *(42...Rxb7? 43.Bh5-+)*]
36...Kf8 37.Qh8+ Deflection
[37.Qxh3? Ke7 38.Qh7 Rb6 39.Bxf5 exf5-+]

37...Ke7 38.Qxg7+
[38.Qxh3? perishes. Qb4 39.Rf1 d3 40.exd3 a3-+]
38...Kd8 39.Qxb7 a3? 6.18/18
[39...d3 3.45/16 40.exd3 a3]
40.Qh7 Bb4 41.Qh8+
[41.Qxh3 Bxe1 42.Qxa3 Ke7+-]
41...Kd7 42.Qg7+
[42.Qxh3 Bxe1 43.Qxa3 Rcc6∓]
42...Kd8 43.Qf8+ Kd7



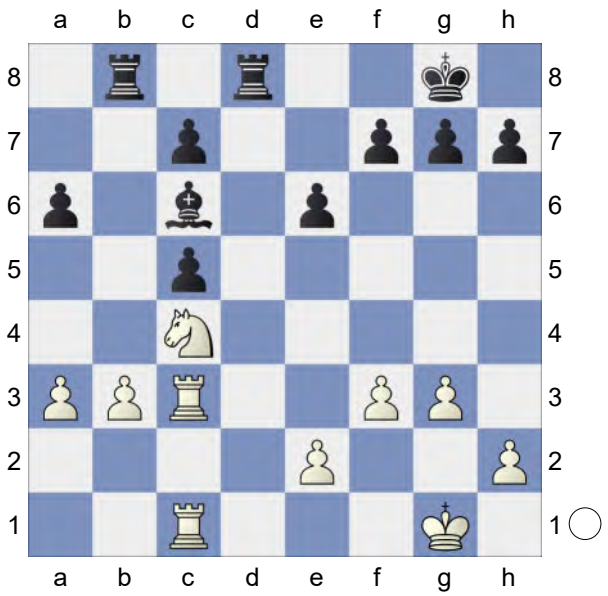
44.Qf7+ Kc6 45.Rc1+ Skewer **45...Bc3 46.Qa7 Rd5 47.Qxa6+ Kd7 48.Qa4+ Kd6 49.Qxa3+ Rdc5 50.Rb1 Ke5 51.Bf7** Hoping for Rb6. **51...f4 52.Bg6 Bf5 53.Bxf5 Kxf5 54.Qa6 R8c6 55.Qd3+ Kxg5 56.Kh1 Rf5 57.Qe4 Rd6 58.Qb7** Rg1+ would kill now. **58...Kf6 59.Rg1 Ke5 60.Qc7 Bb4 61.Rb1 Ba3 62.Rb3 f3 63.exf3 Kf6 64.Rxa3 Rfd5 65.Ra8 Rd7 66.Qf4+ Rf5 67.Qh6+ Ke7 68.Qh4+ Rf6 69.Qh8 Rf7 70.Re8+ Kd6 71.Qxd4+ Kc7 72.Qc4+ Kb7 73.Qc8+ Ka7 74.Qb8+ Ka6 75.Rxe6+ Ka5 76.Qb6+ Ka4 77.Re4+** White mates. **77...Rd4 78.Rxd4+ Ka3 79.Qc5+ Ka2 80.Qc2+ Ka1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06

(flawless) /Black=0.63
81.Rd1#
1-0

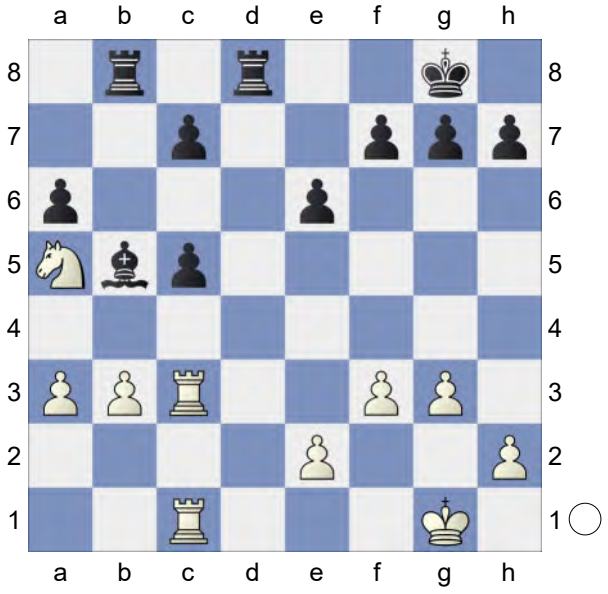
84 **E04**
□ **ArasanX** **3044**
■ **bot64jaques** **2541**
Rapid 15.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8! 10.Na3 a6 11.Ne5!
[11.Nxc4? b5 12.Qb3 bxc4∓]
11...0-0 12.Nxc6 White is slightly better.
[12.Bxc6 seems wilder. Nxc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1 Qe4 16.Rd2 Rb5 17.Rc1 e5 18.b3 Qg4 19.Qa3 Qg5 *(19...Qe6 20.Na5 Bd7 21.Rcd1 Bc8 22.Rd8 c5 23.R8d5* Chapter-4...dxc4 and 5...Nc6 D222) 10...a6*)* 20.h4 Qf6 21.Ne3 Qe6 22.Rcd1 Re8 23.Qc1 h6 24.Qc3 g6 25.Rc1 Bb7 26.Qc4 Kf8 27.h5 Qxc4 28.Rxc4 gxh5 29.f3 a5 30.Kf2 ½-½ (42) Daus,P (2237)-Scacco,M (2208) AR-2003-Q-00008 (1) Rb4 31.Rd7 Re7 32.Rd1 f6 33.Rh1 Rd7 34.Rc2 a4 35.bxa4 Rxa4 36.Rxh5 Kg7 37.g4 Kg6 38.Nf5 Rh7 39.Kg3 Ra6 40.e3 Bc8 41.e4 Bxf5 42.exf5+ Kg7 ½-½ Daus,P (2413)-Hartl,H (2492) CP-2006-F-00001 2010]
12...Nxc6 13.Bxc6
[13.Qxc4 Qxd4 14.Bxc6 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 bxc6 16.b3 Rb5 17.Rfc1 Rd8 18.Rc2 e5 19.f3 f6 20.Rac1 Kf7 21.Kf2 Bb7 22.Rc3 Ba8 23.e4 a5 24.a4 Rc5 25.Ke3 Bb7 26.Nb2 Rxc3+ 27.Rxc3 Rb8 ½-½ (44) Delchev,A (2634)-Beliavsky,A (2668) 83/452 Leon 2001]
13...bxc6 14.Nxc4
[14.e3 Rxb2 15.Nxc4 Rb5 16.Rfc1 c5 17.dxc5 Rxc5 18.Na5 Qd5 19.Rxc5 Qxc5 20.Rd1 e5 21.Nb3 Qe7 22.h4 Qf6 23.Nc5 Qf3 24.Nd7 Bb7 25.Kf1 Rc8 26.Nxe5 Qf5 27.Qd4 h6 28.Ke2 a5 0-1 (81) 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗d2 (2260)-5. ♘c3 ♘c3 6. dc3_54704 (2067) Golden Sands Europe op 3rd 2014 (5)]
14...Qxd4 15.Rac1N
[15.Qxc6 Bb7 16.Qa4 *(16.Qxc7? Rfc8*-+ Deflection *)* 16...Qe4-+]
White stays focused until the end.
15...c5 1.02/20
[15...e5± 0.39/19]
16.Rfd1± Qe4 White must now prevent ...Bb7!. **17.Rd2 Rb4 18.Qc2 Qxc2 19.Rdxc2 Bb7** 1.45/20
[⌓19...a5 0.71/18]
20.b3 White has strong compensation.
20...Be4 21.Rc3 Rd8 22.f3 Bc6 1.90/20
[22...Bd5± 1.15/20]
23.a3+- Rbb8 2.09/21
[23...Rb5± 1.31/22]

(Diagram)



24.Na5!↑ White has strong initiative.
24...Bb5 2.31/22
[24...Be8 1.84/20 keeps fighting. 25.Rxc5 Rb5]



25.a4!
[25.Rxc5?! Rd2± *(25...Bxe2? 26.Nc6+-)*]
25...Be8
[25...Bxe2? 26.Nc6+- *(26.Rxc5 Bxf3 27.Rxc7 g6∓)*]
26.Rxc5 Rd2 27.Kf2
[27.Rxc7 Rxe2 28.Rc8 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rxc1 30.Rxb8 Kf8]
27...c6 28.R1c3
[28.Nxc6 Rxb3 29.R1c4 Ra2=]
28...Rd5 2.75/19
[⌓28...Rb2 1.83/21 29.Rd3 *(29.Nxc6 R8xb3 30.Rxb3 Rxb3=)* 29...Kf8]
29.Rxd5
[29.Nxc6 Rxc5 30.Rxc5 Rxb3=]
29...cxd5 Endgame KRB-KRN **30.Rc7 g6** 3.98/18
[⌓30...e5 2.61/19 31.Ra7 Rb6]
31.Nb7 Ra8 32.Nc5 Kf8 5.29/21
[⌓32...e5 3.58/19 33.Re7 e4 34.fxe4 Kf8]
33.f4
[33.b4 e5 34.Ke3 Kg7+-]
33...a5 34.Ke3 Kg8 6.31/20
[⌓34...h6 4.50/19 35.Kd4 Kg8]
35.Kd4 Kf8 36.Ke5 h5 37.Kf6 Kg8 38.Ke7 Rb8 39.Nb7 Bc6 40.Nd8 Ba8 41.Nxf7 Kg7 42.Ng5 d4 43.Kd6+ Kg8 44.Ke5 Bd5 45.Kf6 Ra8 46.Kxg6 Hoping for Rg7+.
[46.Nxe6 Ra6 47.Rg7+ Kh8+-]
46...e5 47.f5 e4 48.Rd7 Bxb3 49.Nxe4
[Not 49.Kxh5 d3 50.exd3 Bxa4±]
49...Kf8 50.Rh7 d3 51.exd3
[51.Kxh5? dxe2 52.Nc5 *(52.Rh8+? Bg8-+)* 52...e1Q-+ *(52...e1B? 53.Nxb3 Bc3 54.Nc5+-)*]
51...Bg8 52.Rh8
[52.Rxh5 Bf7+ 53.Kg5 Bxh5±]
52...Ke7 53.Kg7
[53.Kxh5? perishes. Bf7+ 54.Kg5 Rxh8-+]
53...Rf8 54.f6+ Rxf6 55.Nxf6 Bb3 56.Rxh5 Bd1 57.Rxa5 Kd6 58.d4 Kc7 59.Rc5+ Kd8 60.a5 Be2 61.h4 Bf1 62.h5 Bd3 63.h6 Bh7 64.a6 White threatens a7! and mate. **64...Be4 65.Nxe4** White mates. **65...Ke7 66.a7**

Kd8 67.a8Q+ Ke7 68.Qb7+ Ke8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=1.15
69.Rc8#
1-0

83 **E04**
□ **ArasanX** **3044**
■ **bot64jaques** **2509**
Rapid 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
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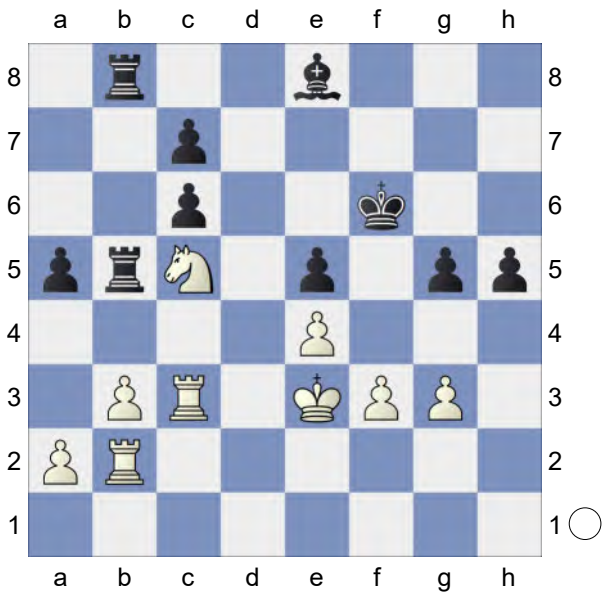
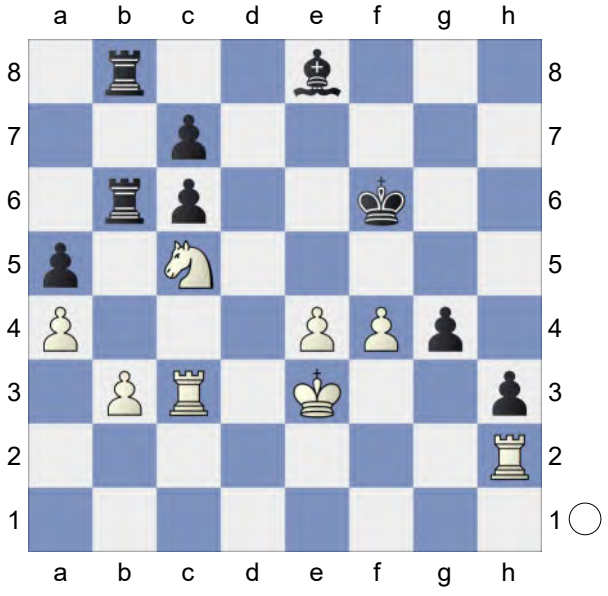
[11.Nxc4 b5 12.Qb3 bxc4-+]
11...0-0 White must now prevent ...b5.
12.Nxc6 White is slightly better.
[12.Bxc6 Nxc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1]
12...Nxc6 13.Qxc4
[13.Bxc6 with more complications. bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1]
13...Qxd4
[13...Nxd4?! 14.Rfd1 e5 15.e3+-]
14.Bxc6 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 bxc6 16.b3 Rd8
[16...Rb5 17.Rfc1 Rd8 18.Rc2 e5 19.f3 f6 20.Rac1 Kf7 21.Kf2 Bb7 22.Rc3 Ba8 23.e4 a5 24.a4 Rc5 25.Ke3 Bb7 26.Nb2 Rxc3+ 27.Rxc3 Rb8 28.Kd2 Bc8 29.Rxc6 Rxb3 30.Rxc7+ Kg6 31.Kc2 ½-½ (44) Delchev,A (2634)-Beliavsky,A (2668) 83/452 Leon 2001]
17.f3N White has compensation.
[17.Rfd1 Bd7 18.Rd2 Be8 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Kf1 Kf8 21.Rc1 Ke7 22.Na5 Rd2 23.a4 Rb2 24.Nxc6+ Bxc6 25.Rxc6 Kd7 26.Rxa6 Rb1+ 27.Kg2 Rxb3 28.Ra8 c5 29.Ra7+ Kd6 30.Rxf7 c4 31.Rf8 Kc5 0-1 (66) Diez Del Corral,J (2535)-Bolz,B (2660) corr 145/130 2019 32.Rc8+ Kb4 33.f4 c3 34.Kf2 Kxa4 35.Ra8+ Kb4 36.Ke3 Ra3 37.Rc8 Kb3 38.Kd3 Kb2 39.e4 Rb3 40.e5 Rb7 41.f5 Rd7+ 42.Ke4 exf5+ 43.Kxf5 c2 44.e6 Rd5+ 45.Ke4 Rd8 46.Rxd8 c1Q 0-1 (66) Wojtkiewicz,A (2535)-Krasenkow,M (2660) Manila 1998]
17...Bd7 18.Rfc1 Be8 19.Rc2 Rb5 20.Nb2 e5 21.Kf2 f6 22.Rac1 h5 23.Na4 a5 24.Nc5 Rd6 25.h4 Bg6 26.e4 Rb6 27.Ke2 Be8 28.Rc4 Rd8 29.R1c2 Kf7 30.Ra4 Rb5 31.Na6 Rc8 32.Ke3 g5 0.80/23
[32...c5± 0.37/23]
33.hxg5± fxg5 34.Rac4 White is much more active. **34...Kf6 35.Nc5 Rd8 36.Nd3 Rdb8 37.Rc1 R8b6 38.Nc5 Rb8! 39.Rd1 Ke7 40.Rc3 R5b6 41.Rd2 Rb5! 42.Rb2 Kf6** 2.10/24
[42...Bf7± 0.60/23]
43.Rd2? -0.01/22
[White has to play 43.a4!+- 2.10/24 R5b6 44.Rd2]
43...Ke7!= 44.Rb2 -0.01/21
[44.Nd3± 0.61/20]
44...Kf6!

(Diagram)



45.a4! R5b6 46.f4 exf4+ 1.97/21
[46...gxf4+± 1.24/23 47.gxf4 exf4+ 48.Kxf4 Rd8]
47.gxf4+- g4 2.20/23
[47...gxf4+± 1.35/20 48.Kxf4 Rd8]
48.Rd2 h4 49.Rh2↑ Keeping Black busy. **49...h3**



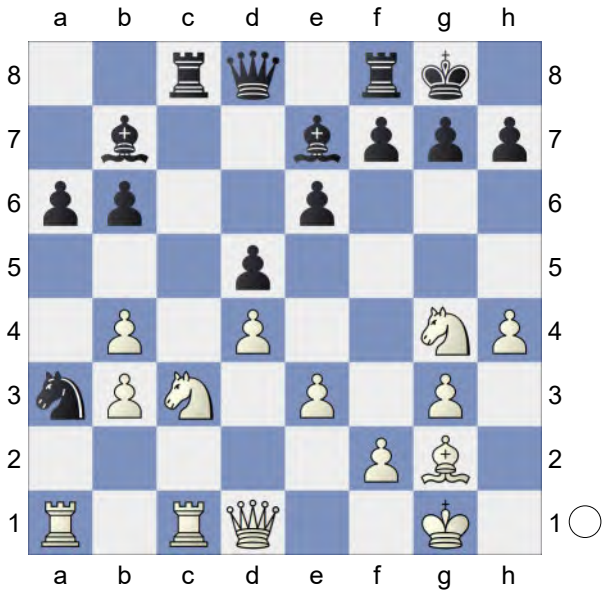
50.Kf2! Kg6? 2.97/19
[50...Rd8± 1.39/22]
51.Kg3 Kh5 52.Rd2 Rb4? 4.04/20
[52...Rc8 2.44/19 was worth a try. 53.e5 Rbb8]
53.Rcd3 Rc8
[53...Bf7 54.Na6 c5 55.Nxb4 *(55.Nxc7? Rxb3 56.f5 c4-+* Pin *)* 55...Rxb4 56.Rc3 Rxb3 57.Rxb3 Bxb3 58.Rd7+-]
54.f5 Rbb8? 6.38/20
[54...Bf7 2.79/21 55.Rd7 Rf8 56.Rxc7 Kg5]
55.e5 Kg5 56.Rf2 Bh5 57.e6 Rh8 58.f6
[Not 58.Ne4+ Kh6 59.Nc5 Ra8+-]
58...Kh6 59.Rd4 Rhf8 60.f7 Rh8 61.Rdf4 Rhf8 62.Rf6+ Kg7 63.R6f5 Bg6 64.Rg5 Black must now prevent Nd7!. **64...Kh6 65.Rxg4**
[Inferior is 65.Kxg4 Rb4+ 66.Kxh3 *(66.Rf4? h2-+)* 66...Kxg5=]
65...h2 66.Kxh2 13.28/23
[⌓66.Rxh2+ #16/22 Kg7 67.Rf2 Kh7 68.Nd7 Kh6 69.Nxf8 Rxb3+ 70.Kh4 Rb4 71.Nxg6]
66...Rh8 67.Kg3 White threatens Rf6 and mate. **67...Bh5 68.Rf6+ Kh7 69.Rg5 Bxf7 70.exf7 Rhg8 71.fxg8Q+** 10.96/5
[⌓71.fxg8B+ #7/16 Rxg8 72.Rxg8 Remove Defender Kxg8 73.Kf4 *(73.Rxc6 Kg7 74.Rxc7+ Kf8 75.b4 axb4 76.a5 Ke8 77.a6 Kd8 78.Ne6+ Ke8 79.a7 b3 80.a8Q#)* 73...Kh8 74.Kg5 *(74.Rxc6 Kg7 75.Rxc7+ Kh8 76.Ke5 Kg8 77.Kf6 Kh8 78.Kg6 Kg8 79.Rc8#)* 74...Kh7 75.Rg6 *(75.Rxc6 Kg7 76.Rxc7+ Kf8 77.Kg6 Ke8 78.Kf6 Kd8 79.Ne6+ Ke8 80.Re7#)* 75...Kh8 76.Kf6 *(76.Rxc6 Kg7 77.Rxc7+ Kf8 78.Kf5 Kg8 79.Ne6 Kh8 80.Kg6 Kg8 81.Rc8#)* 76...Kh7 77.Kf7 Kh8 78.Rh6#]
71...Rxg8 72.Kh4 White mates. **72...Rxg5 73.Kxg5 Kg7 74.Ne6+ Kh7 75.Rf7+ Kg8 76.Kg6 Kh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.65

77.Rf8#
1-0

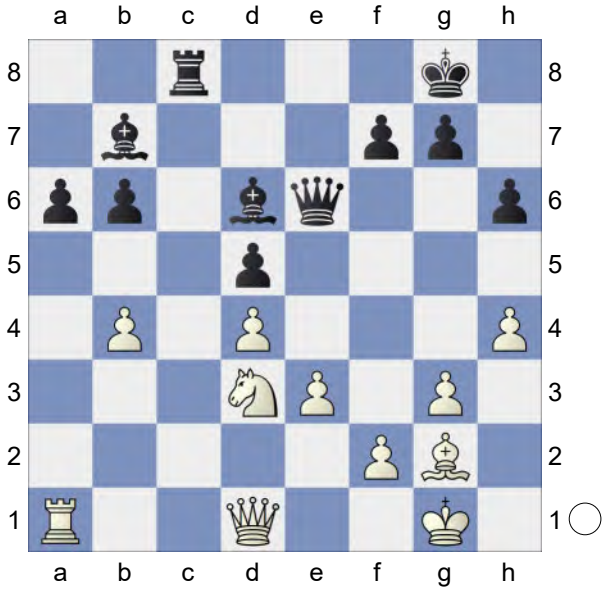
87 **E11**
□ **RemstalBot** **3043**
■ **YoBot_v2** **3019**
Blitz 26.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Rc1 Ne4
[11...Nfd7 12.Qc7 Ba6 13.Nd3 Bxd3 14.exd3 Na6 15.Qc2 Rc8 16.Qb3 Rxc1+ 17.Bxc1 Nb4 18.Be3 Qb8 19.a3 Nc6 20.Nd2 Bf6 21.Nf3 b5 22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Qc3 Nb6 24.Qd2 h6 25.Bf4 Qb7 26.Be5 ½-½ (60) Vairaj, S (1876)-Saraswat,A (1652) New Delhi Matrix Cup 4th 2025 (5)]
12.a3 Nd6 13.Bb4 Na6N
[13...a5 14.Bxd6 Bxd6 15.Nf3 Nd7 16.Nc3 Ba6 17.Qa4 Nf6 18.Qd1 Rc8 19.e3 Qd7 20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Qb7 22.Nb5 Bb8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rc1 Ne4 25.Rc2 g6 26.Kg2 Rxc2 27.Qxc2 Qd7 28.a4 Kg7 29.Ne1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2355)-Kuhne,D (2352) corr L20K1-H(1-3) 2021]
14.e3 Nxb4 15.axb4 Rc8 16.Nc3 a6 17.h4 Bf6 18.Ng4 Be7 19.Ne5
[19.Qd1!?]
19...Bf6 20.Ng4 Be7 21.Qd1 Nc4 22.b3 Na3

(Diagram)



Decoy **23.Nxd5!**
[Of course not 23.Rxa3 Bxb4 24.Nb1 Bxa3 25.Rxc8 *(25.Nxa3 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Qd6∓)* 25...Qxc8∓]
23...exd5 The position is equal. **24.Rxc8 Qxc8 25.Rxa3 Bxb4 26.Ra1 Qe6 27.Ne5 Bd6 28.Nd3 h6 29.b4 Rc8**



30.b5! axb5 31.Qb3 Bc6 32.Rc1 Qd7 33.Bxd5 Bxd5 This pair of bishops is nice. **34.Rxc8+**
[34.Qxd5 simplifies Rxc1+ 35.Nxc1 Qc7 36.Nd3]
34...Qxc8 35.Qxd5 Qc4! 36.Qxd6

[36.Nf4 looks sharper. Bxf4 37.Qa8+ Kh7 38.Qe4+]

36...Qxd3= Endgame KQ-KQ **37.Qe7 Kh7 38.Kg2 Qc4 39.Qe4+ Kg8 40.Qa8+ Kh7 41.Qe4+ Kg8 42.Qa8+ Kh7** An even fight not without its subleties.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

43.Qe4+

½-½

86 **E04**

□ **ArasanX** **3043**

■ **toodfish** **2721**

Rapid 21.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.dxc5 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Bxc5 9.Nbd2 c3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Bb2

[11.c4 Rd8 12.Bb2 Bd7 13.Nb3 Be7 14.Nfd4 Rac8 15.Nb5 b6 16.Rac1 a5 17.a4 Be8 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Bf3 Rc8 20.c5 bxc5 21.Nxc5 Ne5 22.Bxe5 Rxc5 23.Rxc5 Bxc5 24.Nd6 Bxa4 25.Nb7 Bb4 ½-½ (31) C 06/32 (2801)-Grube,J (2762) Myslowice 40/258 1985 (4.1)]

[11.Ne1 Bd7 12.Nd3 Be7 13.Nb3 b6 14.c4 Rac8 15.Bb2 Rfd8 16.Rac1 Nb4 17.Nxb4 Bxb4 18.Bb7 Rb8 19.Bf3 Ba4 20.Be5 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Re8 22.Rc1 Nd7 23.Bb2 Bxb3 24.axb3 Nc5 25.Rb1 f6 1-0 (85) Lazavik,D (2572)-Samunenkov,I (2550) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early blitz 2025 (11)]

11...e5N

[11...Bd7 12.c4 Be7 13.Nb3 *(13.e4 Rfd8 14.e5 Ne8* Training Positions-Position *)* 13...Rfc8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rxd7 Bxa1 16.Nxa1 Rd8 17.Rd2 Ne5 18.Nb3 Nxc4 19.Rc2 Rd1+ 20.Bf1 Rc8 21.Nbd2 b5 22.a4 Nb6 23.Rxc8+ Nxc8 24.axb5 Nd6 25.e3 Nxb5 26.Kg2 (56) Model Games-Nakamura,H Nc3 27.Nc4 Ra1 28.Nd4 Ra2 29.Bd3 a5 30.Nc2 a4 31.Kf1 e5 32.f3 Nd5 33.Ke1 a3 34.Kd1 Rxc2 35.Bxh7+ Kxh7 36.Kxc2 e4 37.fxe4 a2 38.Kb2 Nc3 39.Nd2 Kg6 40.Nf3 Kf6 41.Ka1 (46) 1. Full games - Part 1-Game 3: H. Nakamura vs. R. Pr,N]

12.Nb3 Bb6 The position is equal. **13.c4 Bc7 14.Nfd2 Rb8 15.Nc5 Bg4 16.Kf1 Na5 17.Bc3 Bc8 18.Rab1** White is more active. **18...b6! 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.Rxb8 Bxb8 21.Nb7 Bc7 22.c5 Be6** Inhibits Nc4. **23.a4 Rb8 24.Rc1** 0.24/23

[24.c6± 0.88/23]

24...Kf8!= 25.Nc4 e4 26.c6

[26.Nbxa5? Rb4 27.f4 g6-+ *(27...Rxa4? 28.f5-+)*]

26...Ke7 27.Ncxa5

[27.Nbxa5? Rb4 28.g4 g5-+ *(28...Bxg4 29.Nb7-+; 28...Bxh2 29.g5∓; 28...Nxg4? 29.Bh3-+; 28...Rxa4? 29.g5-+)*]

27...h5 0.52/24

[27...Rc8= 0.15/26]

28.Nc4± Bd5 29.Na3! Excellent horsemanship. **29...a6** 0.88/23 Against Nb5

[29...Be5± 0.44/24]

White stays focused until the end. **30.Kg1** 0.52/24

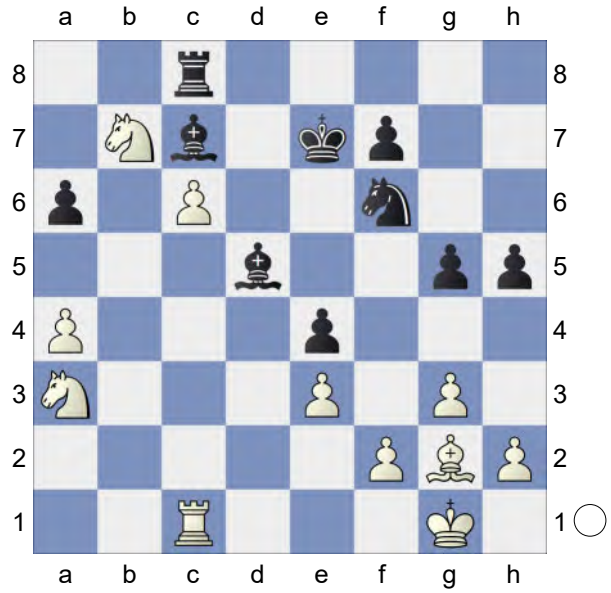
[30.Bh3± 0.88/23]

30...g5 1.14/24

[Black should play 30...h4± 0.52/24]

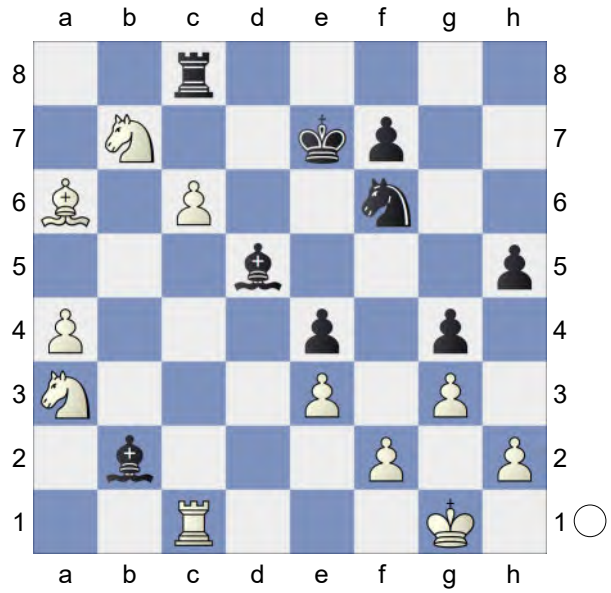
31.e3!± Rc8 1.30/30

[⌓31...Nd7 0.84/25]



32.Bh3! g4 33.Bf1 Be5 Hoping for ... Bb2. **34.Bxa6 Bb2**

[34...Rxc6 35.Rxc6 Bxc6 36.Nb5±]



35.Nd6! Discovered Attack, Decoy

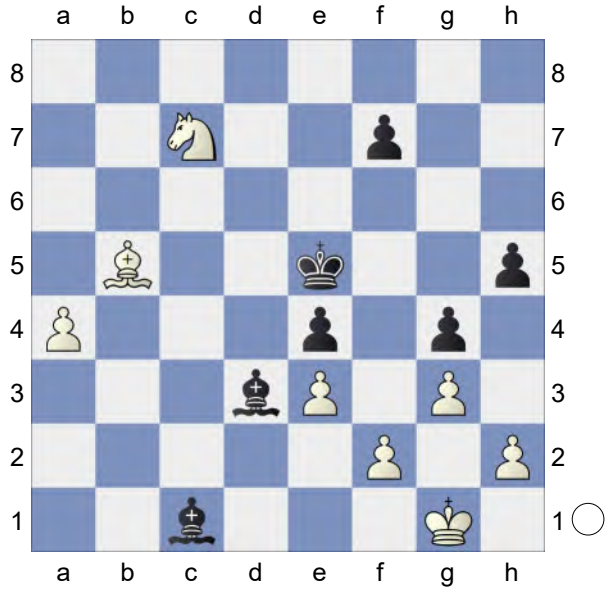
35...Kxd6

[35...Bxc1 36.Nxc8+ Kd8 37.c7+ Kxc7 38.Nb5+ Kc6 39.Nd4+ Kc5 40.Ne7±]

36.Nb5+ Ke5 37.c7 Bxc1 38.Bxc8 Ne8 39.Bd7 Prevents Bc6. **39...Nxc7 40.Nxc7** Endgame KBB-KBN. White is a pawn up. **40...Bc4** 2.51/29

[40...Bd2± 1.17/27 was called for.]

41.Bb5+- Bd3



42.Be8! Kd6 43.Nb5+ Ke7 44.Bc6 Bd2 45.Nd4 Be1 46.Bb7

[46.Bb5?! Bc3 47.Bc6 Kf6±]

46...Kf6? 6.04/25

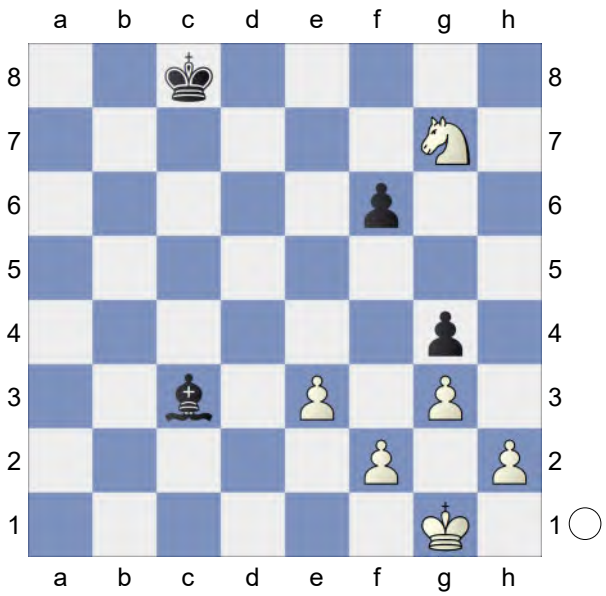
[46...Kd6 1.90/26 47.Nf5+ Ke5]

47.Nb3 Ke7 48.a5 Kd6 49.a6 Kc7 50.Nc5 Kb6 51.Nd7+ Ka7 52.Nf6 Bc3 53.Nxh5

[53.Bxe4 Bxe4 54.Nxe4 Be5±]

53...Bxa6 54.Bd5 f6 55.Bxe4 Bc8 56.Ng7 Kb6 57.Bf5 Kc7 58.Bxc8 Kxc8

(Diagram)



KB-KN. White is two pawns up. **59.f3! gxf3**
[59...Kd7 60.fxg4]
60.Kf2 Kd7 61.h4 Ke7 62.Nf5+ Kf7 63.g4 Ba1 64.Kxf3 Bb2 65.g5 Ba3 66.Kg4 fxg5 67.hxg5 Ke6 68.Kf4 Kf7 69.Kf3 Bc5 70.Kg3 Ba3 71.Kh3 Bb2 72.Kh4 Kg6 73.Kg4 Kf7 74.Kf3 Ba3 75.Kg3 Bb4 76.Kf3? -0.01/61
[Better is 76.Kg4+- 14.63/26 Kg6 77.Nh4+ Kf7 78.Kh5]
76...Bc5? 14.28/24
[76...Ba3= -0.01/61 77.Kg4 Bf8]
77.e4 Bg1 78.Kg4 Bh2 79.Kf3? -0.01/34
[79.Nd4+- 20.30/28 And now Kf5 would win. Be5 80.Ne2]
79...Bg1!= 80.e5 Bb6 81.Nd6+ 11.92/28
[⌓81.Nh4 #21/29 Ba5 82.Kf4 Be1 83.Ng2 Bb4 84.Kf5 Kg8 85.g6 Kf8 86.Nf4]
81...Ke6 82.g6 White mates. **82...Kxe5 83.g7 Kxd6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.35
84.Ke4
[Inferior is 84.g8R Kd7=]
1-0

90 **E04**
□ **RemstalBot** **3042**
■ **weiawaga** **2684**
Blitz 22.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8 10.Na3 a6 11.Ne5
[11.Nxc4? b5 12.Qb3 bxc4∓]
11...0-0 12.Nxc6 White is slightly better.
12...Nxc6 13.Bxc6
[13.Qxc4 simplifies Qxd4 14.Bxc6 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 bxc6 16.b3]
13...bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1
[15.Qxc6 Bb7 16.Qa4 *(16.Qxc7? Rfc8-+* Skewer, Deflection*)* 16...Qe4-+]
15...Qe4 And now ...c5! would win.
16.Rd2 White has compensation.
16...Rb5 17.b3N
[17.Rc1 e5 18.b3 Qg4 19.Qa3 Qg5 *(19...Qe6 20.Na5 Bd7 21.Rcd1 Bc8 22.Rd8 c5 23.R8d5* Chapter-4...dxc4 and 5...Nc6 D222) 10...a6*)* 20.h4 Qf6 21.Ne3 Qe6 22.Rcd1 Re8 23.Qc1 h6 24.Qc3 g6 25.Rc1 Bb7 26.Qc4 Kf8 27.h5 Qxc4 28.Rxc4 gxh5 29.f3 a5 30.Kf2 Rb4 31.Rd7 Re7 ½-½ (42) Daus,P (2237)-Scacco,M (2208) AR-2003-Q-00008 (1) 32.Rd1 f6 33.Rh1 Rd7 34.Rc2 a4 35.bxa4 Rxa4 36.Rxh5 Kg7 37.g4 Kg6 38.Nf5 Rh7 39.Kg3 Ra6 40.e3 Bc8 41.e4 Bxf5 42.exf5+ Kg7 ½-½ Daus, P (2413)-Hartl,H (2492) CP-2006-F-00001 2010]

17...h6 18.Rc1 e5 19.f3 Qg6 20.Ne3! Re8 21.Qc4 Rb6 22.Rcd1 Qg5 Inhibits Rd8. **23.Kf2 Qf6 24.Qe4 h5 25.Rc2 g6 26.Rc5 Kg7 27.Rdc1 Bd7 28.Ra5 Qe7 29.Nf1** White is much more active. **29...Bc8 30.Ra4** 0.41/19

[30.Rxc6? Bb7 31.Rac5 Rxc6 *(31...Bxc6? 32.Rxc6 Rxc6 33.Qxc6-+)* 32.Rxc6 Rb8-+ *(32...Bxc6? 33.Qxc6 Rd8 34.Qxa6-+; 32...Qd7 33.Rxg6+ fxg6 34.Qxb7∓)*]

[30.Rac5± 0.77/20]

30...Rd8± 31.Qe3 Rd5 32.Qc3 Rbb5 0.95/23

[32...Be6± 0.44/21]

33.Rc4± Bd7 34.Ne3 Rd6 35.Ra4 Bc8 36.Re4! f6 1.05/22

[36...Re6!± 0.65/19]

37.a4! Rb8 38.Nc4! Re6 39.Nd2 Rd6 1.53/21

[Black should try 39...Bd7 0.76/19]

40.Rc4 Bd7 41.Ne4 Rd5 42.Nc5 Bc8 43.Nd3 1.14/18

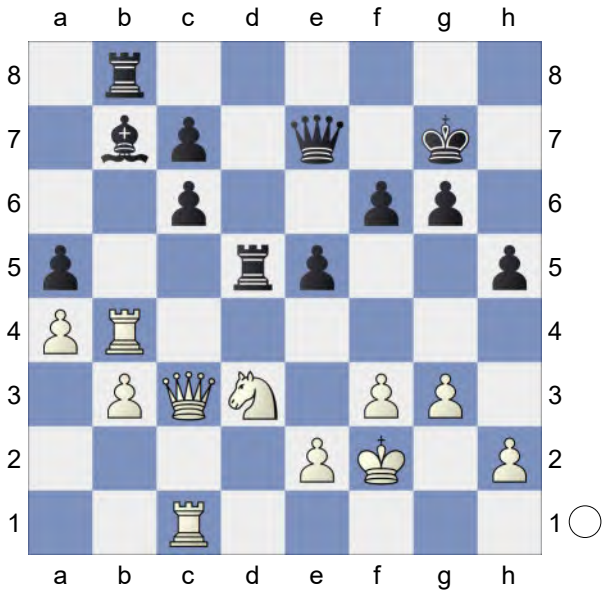
[White should play 43.b4 1.58/16]

This costs Black the game. **43...Bb7** 2.49/17

[43...Qa3± 1.14/18]

44.Rb4!+- a5

(Diagram)



45.Rxb7 Decoy **45...Rxd3**

[45...Rxb7?! 46.Qxc6 Rxd3 47.Qxb7]

46.Qxc6

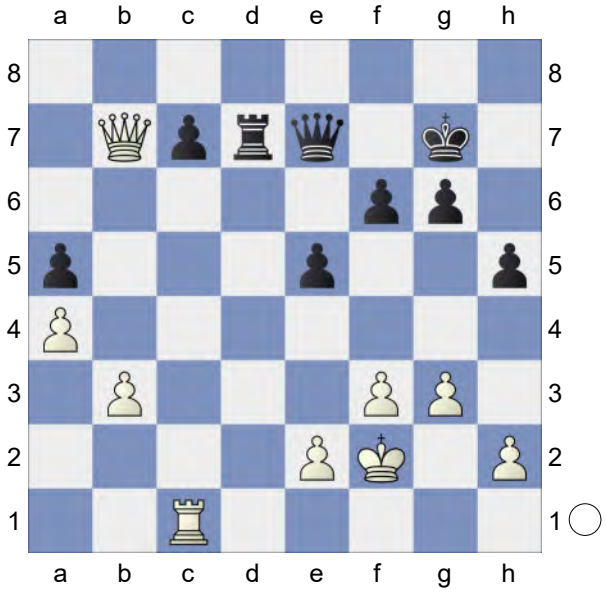
[46.Rxb8 Rxc3 47.Rxc3 Qd6±]

[46.Qxd3 Rxb7 47.Rxc6 Rb6±]

46...Rxb7 47.Qxb7 Endgame KQR-KQR

[47.exd3 Rxb3 48.Qxc7 Rb2+ 49.Ke3 Qxc7 50.Rxc7+ Kf8=]

47...Rd7



48.Qb5! e4 49.fxe4

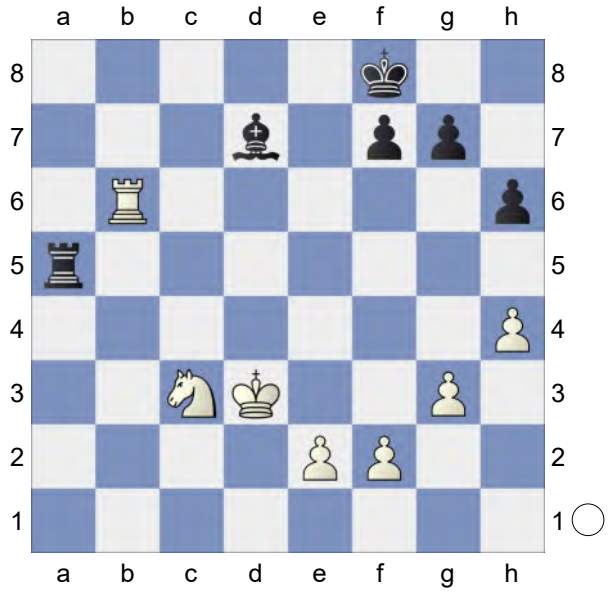
[49.Qxa5 exf3 50.exf3 *(50.Kxf3*

Qe6±) 50...Qd6±]
49...Kh6 3.25/21
[⌓49...h4 1.98/21 50.Qxa5 *(50.gxh4 Qe6±)* 50...Qxe4]
50.h4
[50.Qxa5 Qxe4 51.Qc5 *(51.Rxc7 Qd4+ 52.Kg2 Qe4+ 53.Kf2 Qd4+ 54.Kf3 Rd5=)* 51...Re7±]
50...Qe6 51.Qc6
[51.Qxa5 Qxb3 52.Rc6 *(52.Rxc7 Rxc7 53.Qxc7 Qxa4±)* 52...Qd1±]
51...Qe7 5.29/21
[51...Qd6 2.83/20 52.Qxd6 cxd6]
52.Rc5 Rd1 53.Rb5
[53.Rxa5 Qb4 54.Qxf6 Qe1+ 55.Ke3 Qd2+ 56.Kf2 Qe1+ 57.Ke3 Qd2+ 58.Kf2 Qe1+=]
[53.Qxc7 Qxe4 54.Qf4+ *(54.Rxa5 Qd4+ 55.Kg2 Rg1+ 56.Kh3 Rh1+ 57.Kg2 Qe4+ 58.Kf2 Rh2+* Skewer *59.Kg1 Qh1#)* 54...Qxf4+ 55.gxf4 Rb1±]
53...Rb1? 6.83/23
[53...Rd4 3.96/18 54.Qc1+ *(54.Rxa5 Rxe4 55.Qc1+ Kg7±)* 54...Kg7]
54.Qc2
[54.Rxa5? Qb4 55.Qc2 *(55.Qxc7 Qd4+ 56.Kf3 Rf1+ 57.Kg2 Qg1+ 58.Kh3 Qh1#)* 55...Qe1+ 56.Kf3 Qh1+ 57.Ke3 Qg1+ 58.Kd2 Qe1+ 59.Kd3 Rd1+ *(59...Qxg3+ 60.Kc4=)* 60.Kc4 Rc1-+]
54...Ra1 55.Qd2+
[55.Rxa5? Qb4 56.Rd5 *(56.Qxc7 Qd4+ 57.Kf3 Rf1+ 58.Kg2 Qg1+ 59.Kh3 Qh1#)* 56...Qe1+ 57.Ke3 *(57.Kf3? Qg1-+)* 57...c6∓ *(57...Qxg3+? 58.Kd2-+)*]
55...g5 56.Qc3 Rh1 57.hxg5+
[Weaker is 57.Rxa5 gxh4 58.Qe3+ Kg6+-]
[57.Qxa5? Qxe4 58.hxg5+ Kg6-+]
57...fxg5 58.Rc5
[58.Qxa5? is the wrong capture. Qxe4 59.Qa6+ c6-+]
58...Qf8+ 59.Rf5 Qe7 60.Rf6+ Kh7 61.e5 Kg8 62.Qc2 and Qg6+ should not be overlooked **62...h4 63.Qg6+ Qg7 64.Qe8+ Kh7 65.Rf7** Pin **65...Rh2+ 66.Kg1 Rxe2 67.Qf8 Qxf7 68.Qxf7+** KQ-KR **68...Kh6 69.gxh4 Re1+ 70.Kf2** Threatening mate with h5. **70...Rxe5 71.h5 Rf5+ 72.Qxf5 Kxh5 73.Kg3 Kh6 74.Qf7** White mates. **74...c6 75.Kg4 c5 76.Kf5 c4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.49
77.Qg6#
1-0

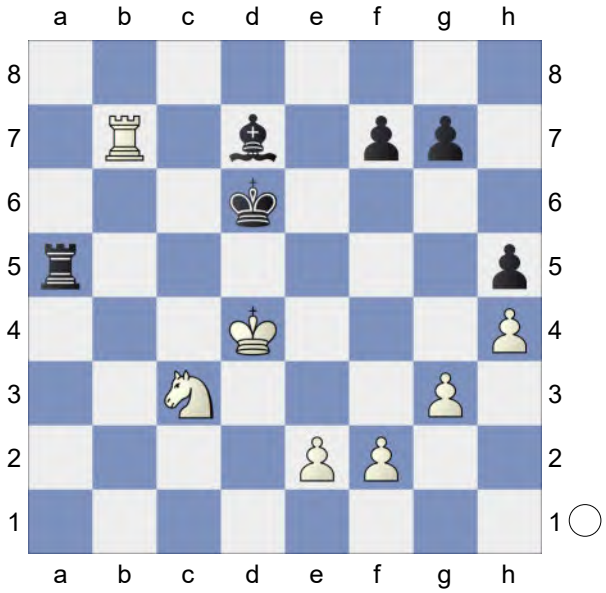
89 **E05**
□ **ArasanX** **3042**
■ **A1phaOne** **2743**
Rapid 23.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+7sec E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 c5 8.dxc5 Nc6 9.Qxc4N
[9.Nbd2 c3 10.Qxc3 Nd5 11.Qc2 Ncb4 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qb3 a5 14.a3 a4 15.Qd1 Nc6 16.Ne4 Na5 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.Bd2 Rc8 19.c6 Nxc6 20.Nxc6 Bxc6 21.Rc1 Qb6 ½-½ Cunjalo,F (2202)-Trumic,E (2207) BIH-chT1 30th 2023 (4.3)]
[9.Na3 Bxc5 10.Nxc4 Nb4 11.Qd2 Qc7 12.Qf4 Qxf4 13.Bxf4 Nbd5 14.a3 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Nd5 16.e3 Rd8 17.Rac1 Be7 18.Nfe5 f6 19.Nf3 Rb8 20.Rfd1 Bd7 21.Nd4 g6 22.Na5 Rdc8 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 ½-½ (30) Miljkovic,M (2443)-Savic,M

(2425) SRB-chT Premier 2023 (4.2)]
9...Qd5 10.Nfd2 Qxc5 11.Qxc5 Bxc5 White is slightly better. **12.Nb3** Inhibits Nd4. **12...Be7 13.Rd1 a5 14.Nc3 a4 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 a3 17.bxa3 e5 18.Rd1 Bxa3 19.Rb1 Bxc1 20.Rdxc1 e4 21.a4 Re8 22.Rb4 Bf5 23.Rd1 Bd7 24.h3** 0.29/26 White is more active.
[Reject 24.Bxe4 Nxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Nxe4 Bxa4=]
[White should play 24.Nxe4± 0.72/22 Bxa4 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.Rd6]
24...Bc6= 25.Rdd4 Kf8 0.75/27
[25...Rad8!= 0.25/24]
26.Bxe4± Nxe4 27.Nxe4 Ra5 28.Nc3 Rc5 29.Rdc4 Ra5 30.Kf1 Rd8 31.Ke1 Re8 32.Rd4 h6 33.Kd2 Re6 34.h4 Rh5 35.Rd8+ Ke7 36.Rd3 Kf8 37.Rbd4 Ra5 38.Re3 Rxe3 39.Kxe3 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **39...Re5+ 40.Kd3 b5 41.a5 b4** Discovered Attack **42.Rxb4 Rxa5 43.Rb6 Bd7**



44.Rb8+! Ke7 45.Rb7 Kd6 1.61/23
[45...Ke8± 1.08/22 46.Rb8+ Ke7]
46.Kd4+- Black cannot hold the game after this. **46...h5?** 2.97/26
[46...Kc6± 1.27/23 was worth a try. 47.Rb4 Ra3]

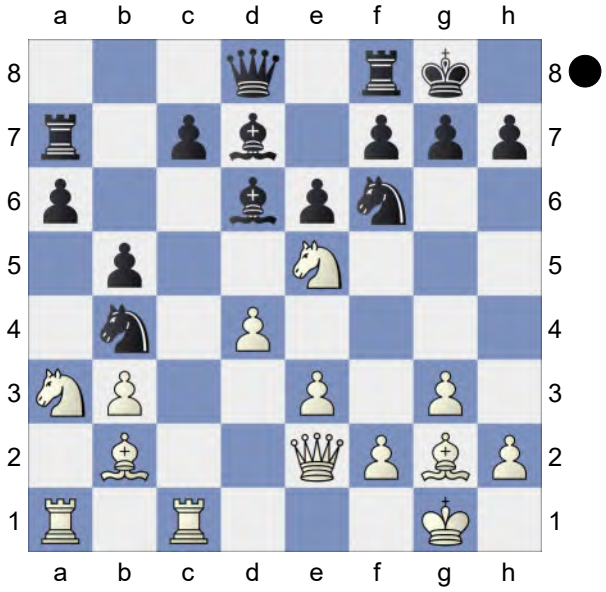


47.Rb2! Be6 48.Rb5 Rxb5 49.Nxb5+ KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **49...Kc6 50.Nc3 Kd6 51.Ne4+ Ke7 52.Ke5 f6+ 53.Kd4 Bf7 54.Nc3 Ke6 55.e4 Kd6 56.Ke3 Ke5 57.Nb5 Bg8 58.Nd4 Bh7 59.Nc6+ Kd6 60.Nb4 Bg8 61.Kf4 Be6 62.Nc2 Bd7 63.Nd4** Nf5+ would now be deadly. **63...Ke7 64.Kf3 Bg4+ 65.Ke3 Bd7 66.Nf5+ Kf7 67.Kd4 Bc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
68.Kc5
1-0

88 **E04**
□ **Buletten-Karl** **3042**
■ **RaspFish** **3024**
Blitz 23.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

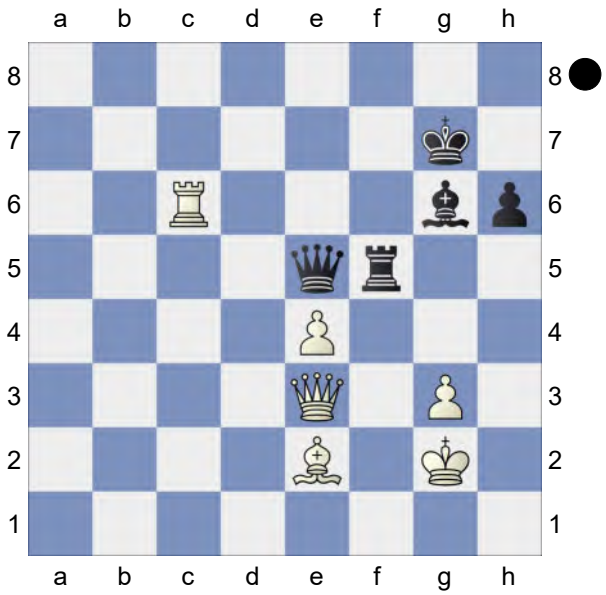
Blitz 3min+1sec E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e3 Bd7 8.Qe2

b5 9.b3 cxb3 10.axb3 Bd6 Repels Ne5 **11.Bb2** White has compensation. White is slightly better.
11...0-0 12.Rc1 Nb4
[12...Qe7 13.Nfd2 Qe8 14.Nc3 e5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nde4 b4 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Nd5 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Qd8 20.Qd2 a5 21.Rc2 Rb8 22.Rac1 Ne5 23.Qd4 c6 24.Qxe5 cxd5 25.Bxd5 Qb6 26.Rc7 Rbd8 27.Bg2 0-1 (34) Assylkhan,A (1784)-Altynbek,A (1788) Wch U14 Girls blitz 2024 (16)]
13.Ne5 Wards off Bc6 **13...Ra7N**
[13...Rc8 14.Na3 c5 15.dxc5 Rxc5 16.Rxc5 Bxc5 17.Nc2 a5 18.Rd1 Qc7 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Na3 Nf6 21.Nxb5 Qb8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Rd7 Rd8 24.Rb7 Qe5 25.Na3 f5 26.Qh5 Qf6 27.Nc4 Rf8 28.Rd7 1-0 (82) Duda,J (2731)-Mamedyarov,S (2741) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2022 (2.2) Na6 29.Bb7 Nb8 30.Rc7 Bb4 31.e4 Qd8 32.Rc8 Qd7 33.Qg5+ Kh8 34.Qf6+ Kg8 35.Qg5+ Kh8 36.exf5 Rxc8 37.Bxc8 Qxc8 38.Ne5 Qf8 39.Qf6+ Kg8 40.Ng4 Bd2 41.fxe6 fxe6 42.Qxe6+ Kg7 43.Qe5+ 0-1 (82) Duda,J (2731)-Carlsen,M (2859) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2022 (7.4) Kg6 44.Qe4+ Qf5 45.Ne5+ Kf6 46.Ng4+ Kg6 47.Qe8+ Kg5 48.Ne5 Qb1+ 49.Kg2 Qxb3 50.Nf3+ Kf6 51.Nxd2 Qd5+ 52.Ne4+ Kf5 53.f3 Nd7 54.Qh5+ Ke6 55.Qh6+ Ke5 56.Qg7+ Ke6 57.Qxh7 Qe5 58.f4 1-0 (82) Ferri,S (2731)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2741) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (2.2) Qb2+ 59.Kh3 Qb5 60.Qg6+ Ke7 61.Qd6+ Kd8 62.Ng5 Qb6 63.Ne6+ Kc8 64.Qe7 Qb5 65.Qd8+ Kb7 66.Qc7+ Ka6 67.Qd6+ Ka7 68.Nd4 Qh5+ 69.Kg2 Nb6 70.Qe5 Qxe5 71.fxe5 a4 72.Kf3 Kb7 73.Nc2 0-1 (82) Duda,J (2731)-So,W (2760) Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (6.1)]
14.Na3



Be8 15.e4 Qb8 16.Nc2 Nxc2 17.Qxc2 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Nd7 19.Qd2 c5 0.48/21
[19...Ra8= 0.12/19]
20.f4± b4 21.Qd6 Qa8 22.f5 -0.01/17
[22.Ra5!± 0.47/20]
22...a5= 23.Rc2 a4 24.bxa4 Rxa4 25.Rd1 Ra6 26.Qe7 next Rcd2 is good for White. **26...h6 27.Rf2 Ra7 28.fxe6 Nb6 29.Qxc5**
[29.exf7+ Rxf7 30.Qxc5 Na4=]
29...Na4 30.Qxb4 Nxb2 31.exf7+
[31.Qxb2 fxe6 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8±]
31...Bxf7 32.Rxb2
[Don't play 32.Qxb2 Ra2 33.e6 Rxb2 34.exf7+ Rxf7 35.Rxb2 Rd7∓]
32...Ra1 33.Rdb1 Re8 34.h4 Qa7+ 35.Kh2 Rxb1 36.Rxb1 Rxe5 37.Rc1 Re8 38.Rc2 Qa6 39.Rd2 Qf6 40.Rc2 Kh7 41.Rc7 Kg8 42.Qd2 Re7 43.Rc5 Re5 44.Rc7 Rb5 45.Rc2 Re5 46.Qc3 Kh7 47.Re2 g5 48.hxg5 Qxg5 49.Rc2

Qf6 50.Qe3 Rh5+ 51.Kg1! Rg5 52.Bf1 Qe5 53.Kh2 Rh5+ 54.Kg2 Rg5 55.Kh2 Rh5+ 56.Kg2 Rg5 57.Kf2 Kg7 58.Be2 Rf5+ 59.Kg2 Bg6 60.Rc6



and Rxg6+! should not be overlooked **60...Rf7 61.Bf3 Kh7 62.Rc2 Rb7 63.Qf4 Re7 64.Kh2**

[64.Qxe5 Rxe5 65.Kf2 Rg5 66.Rc7+]

64...Kg7 65.Rc4 Qb2+ 66.Kh3 Qb6 67.Ra4 Kh7 68.Qd2 Rf7 69.Rb4 Qa5 70.Kg2

[70.Kh2 simplifies Qg5 71.Qxg5 hxg5 72.Kg2]

70...Qa3 71.Bd1 Qa6 72.Be2 Qf6 73.Qe3 Qe5 74.Kg1 Re7 The position is equal. **75.Bd3 Rd7** Threatens to win with ...Qc3. **76.Bf1 Rc7 77.Rd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

77...Rg7

½-½

91 **E04**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2865**

■ **Rapport,Richard** **2763**

Tata Steel-A 84th (6) 21.01.2022

[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 Rb8 7.Be3 Bd6

[7...Be7 8.Qc1 Nd5 9.Qxc4 Nxe3 10.fxe3 0-0 11.Nc3 Nb4 12.Rac1 c6 13.e4 b5 14.Qb3 c5 15.d5 c4 16.Qd1 exd5 17.exd5 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Bb7 19.a3 Na6 20.Nd4 b4 21.axb4 Nxb4 22.Nf5 (23) Ojasuo,A (2679)-Alster (2516) Ismailia 67/(185) 1995]

[7...b5 8.a4 a6 9.axb5 axb5 10.b3 cxb3 11.Qxb3 Bd6 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.Qb2 Nd5 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bd2 Nb6 16.Qxb5 Ne5 17.Qb3 Nbc4 18.Qd1 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Nxd2 20.Nxd2 0-0 21.Ne4 Bc8 22.Ra7 1-0 (28) Lim,Z (2290)-Easwaralingam,A (2152) Krakow op-A 2022 (4)]

8.Qc1N

[8.Nfd2 0-0 9.Nxc4 Ne7 10.Bg5 Nd7 11.e4 f6 12.Be3 Nb6 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 b5 15.Na5 c6 16.Qd2 Bd7 17.Rac1 Bc7 18.Nb3 Nc8 19.Nc5 Nd6 20.b3 a5 21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.Qc2 Rb6 1-0 (47) Mulyar,M (2385)-Zeng,S (1863) Philadelphia int op 12th 2018 (2)]

8...b5 9.b3 White has an edge. **9...Bb7 10.bxc4 bxc4 11.Qxc4 Nb4 12.a3 Nbd5 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Nbd2 h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rfc1 Nd7 17.Qa4 c5 18.Qxa7 Bxf3** 0.55/23

[18...Bd5!= 0.06/21 was preferable. 19.Qa6 *(19.dxc5 Ra8=)* 19...Be7]

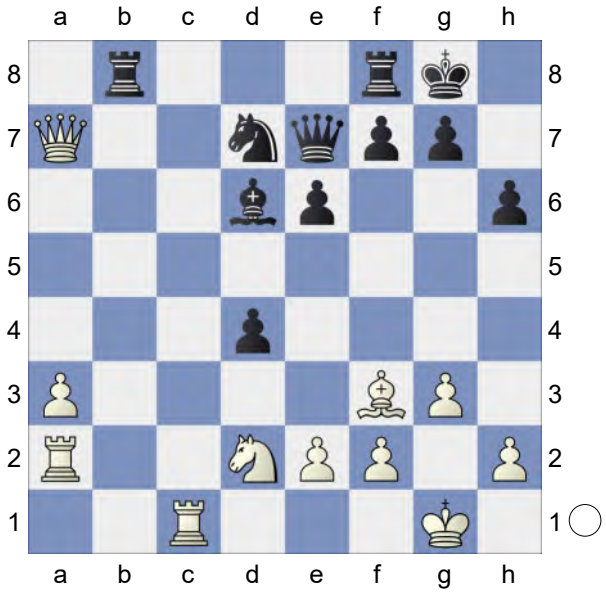
19.Bxf3 cxd4 Black is weak on the light squares **20.Ra2**

[20.Qxd4? Be5 21.Qe3 Bxa1

22.Rxa1 Qa5∓]

20...Qe7 0.89/18

[20...Ne5!= 0.13/18]



21.a4!± Rfd8 1.44/21

[⌓21...Rb4 0.72/21]

22.Qxd4 White is more active. Black cannot hold the game after this.

22...Rb4 2.60/21

[22...Ne5± 1.13/18]

23.Qc3+- And now a5 would win.

23...Nb6? 3.82/21

[23...Ne5 1.82/20 24.Qe3 Nxf3+ 25.Nxf3 *(25.Qxf3 Bc7±)* 25...Ra8]

24.a5 Qa7 25.Qe3

[25.axb6 Qxa2 26.Ra1 Qb2 27.Qxb2 Rxb2∓]

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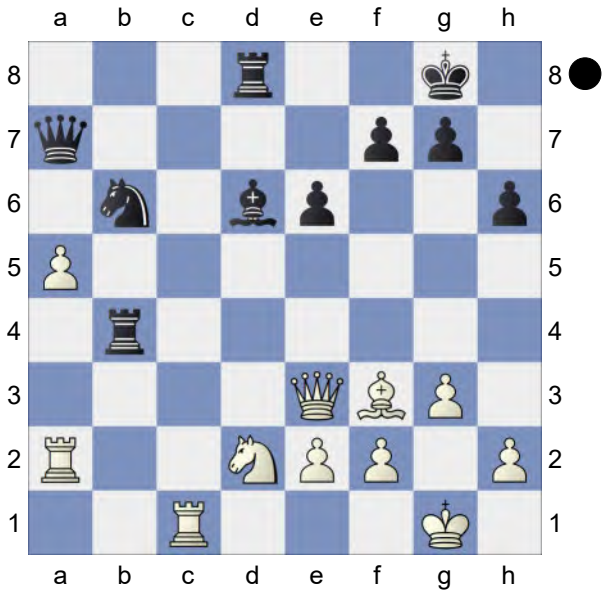

Pin **25...Be7** 5.23/19

[25...Bb8 3.39/19 keeps fighting. 26.a6 *(26.axb6 Qxa2 27.Kg2 Qxd2=)* 26...Rb5]

26.Rcc2 White is clearly winning.

[And not 26.axb6 Qxa2 27.Nf1 Qb2-+]

26...Bg5 27.Qc5 Pin

[Weaker is 27.axb6 Qxa2 28.Rxa2 Bxe3+-]

27...Be7 28.axb6 Qxa2 29.Qxe7 Qxc2 30.Qxd8+ Kh7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.95

31.b7

1-0

93 **E11**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**

■ **Giri,Anish** **2764**

chess24.com (Int.-m/2-rapid) 145/128 *[TA]*

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2!? 0-0 Diagram

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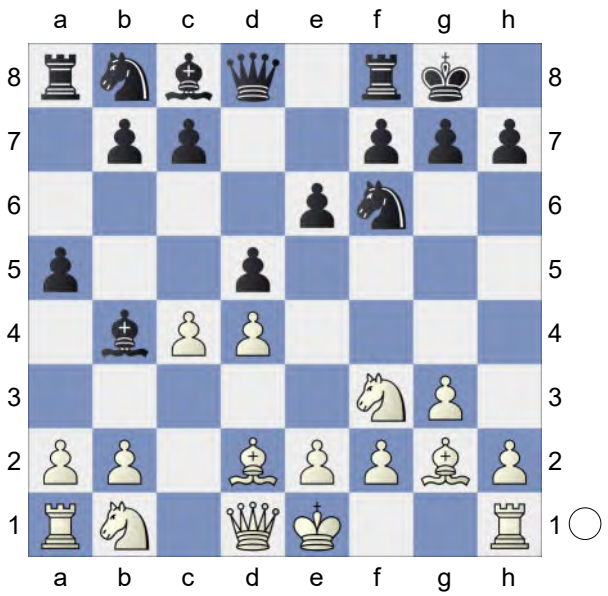

7.a3!?N
[7.Qc2]
7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nbd7
[8...b6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Na6 12.Rfd1 Qe8 13.Bf4 Rd8 14.Rac1 c5 15.Na4 Qb5 16.Nc3 Qc6 17.Ne5 Qe6 18.Qb3 cxd4 19.Nb5 Bc5 20.Nf3 Ne4 21.Nbxd4 Qf6 22.Be5 Qg6 23.Bf4 ½-½ (30) Bryakin,M (2436)-Moiseenko,V (2529) RUS-chT Rapid 2022 (2.12)]
9.Bf4 The position is equal. **9...c6**
10.0-0 a4N
[10...Nh5 11.Bc1 b5 12.c5 f5 13.Nbd2 Bf6 14.b3 g5 15.Bb2 Qc7 16.Ne1 Bg7 17.Nd3 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Nf3 Bxb2 21.Qxb2 h6 22.h4 g4 23.Qe5 Ra7 24.Qxc7 Rxc7 25.Nd4 ½-½ Garv,G (2374)-Triapishko,A (2474) Moscow Ivi GP op 2025 (5)]
11.Nc3 Diagram

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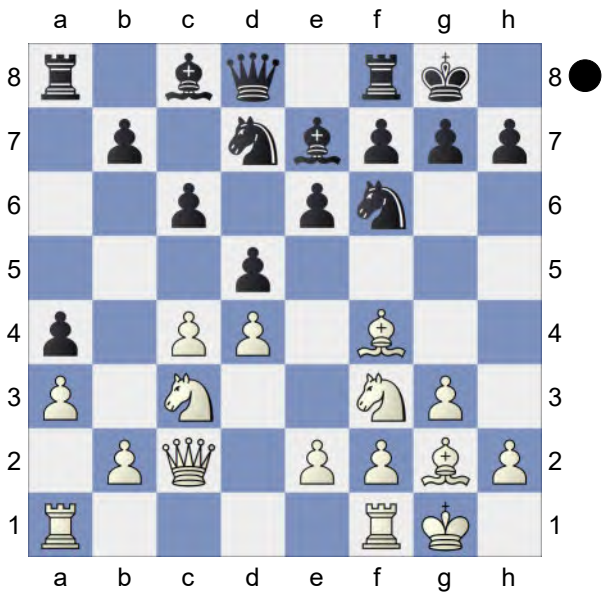

11...Qa5?? 0.50/19
[11...dxc4= -0.04/19 12.Nxa4 b5]
12.e4!
[12.c5 0.01/18 12.Rfe1 0.58 b6 13.cxb6 Nxb6 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.b4± axb3 16.Qxb3 Rfc8 17.a4 Bd8 18.Rfc1 Ba6!]
12...dxc4 13.Rad1
[13.Rfe1 Re8 14.e5 0.09/21 *(14.Rad1± 0.47/21)* 14...Nd5= 15.Bg5!]
13...Re8 0.54/19
[13...b5 14.d5 cxd5 15.exd5∞ Bb7 0.73/20 *(15...Nxd5=* 0.01/20 *16.Nxd5 exd5)* 16.Rfe1!± Qb6? 2.13/24 *(16...Nc5!±* 0.54/20 *)* 17.Ng5!+- e5 1.89/24 *(17...Nc5±* 1.52/24 *)* 18.Bxe5+- Nxe5 19.Rxe5 Bc5!? 20.Rf5 g6

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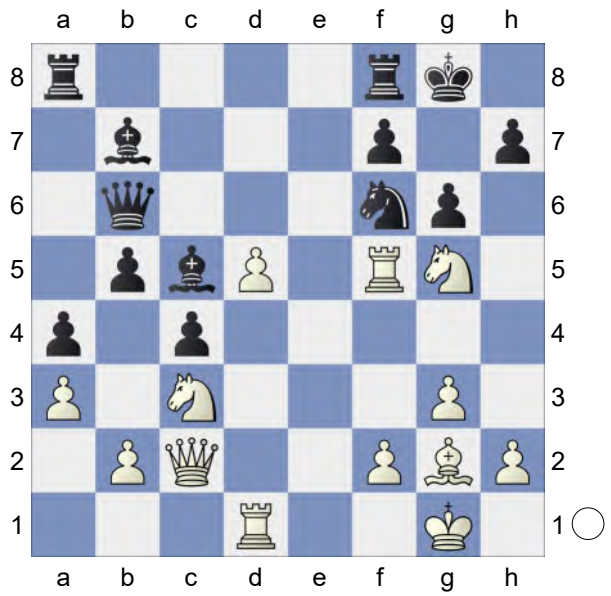
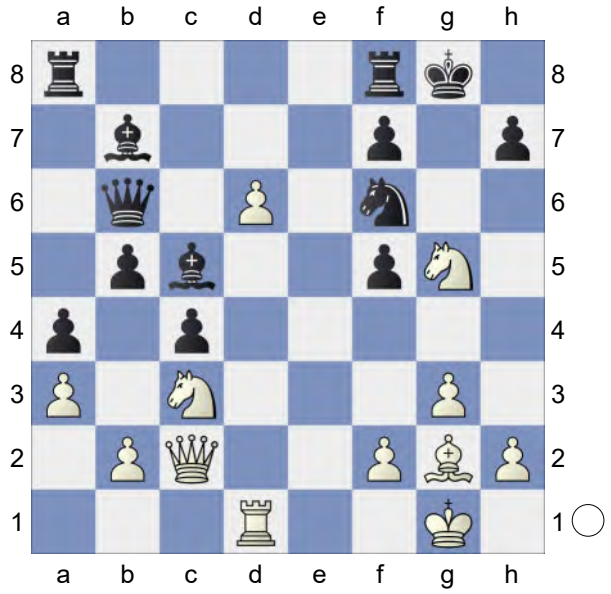


21.d6! gxf5



22.Bxb7! Qxb7? 7.57/22 *(22...Rad8± 1.34/23)* 23.Qxf5+- Kg7?! 24.Nd5]
[13...b5= 0.00/21]

14.Rfe1!± Nf8
[14...b5 0.92/22 14...Nf8 0.21 15.d5 b4 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.axb4 Bxb4 18.Bd2 0.29/19 *(18.e5± 0.68/23 Nd5 19.Ng5)* 18...e5= 19.Ra1!]

15.Ne5 Qa6 16.h4
[16.Bg5!?]
[16.Bg5!?]

16...Ng6 1.43/20
[16...b5= 0.09/17 remains equal.]

17.Nxg6±
[17.Bf3? -0.24/20 17.Nxg6 1.53 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Nd7+- Threatens to win with ...Nxe5. 19.Bf4 -0.76/18 *(19.Bc7∓ -0.31/20 feels stronger.)* 19...e5∓ 20.dxe5 e6! is the strong threat. Nc5 21.Be2 Repels Nd3 Be6+-]

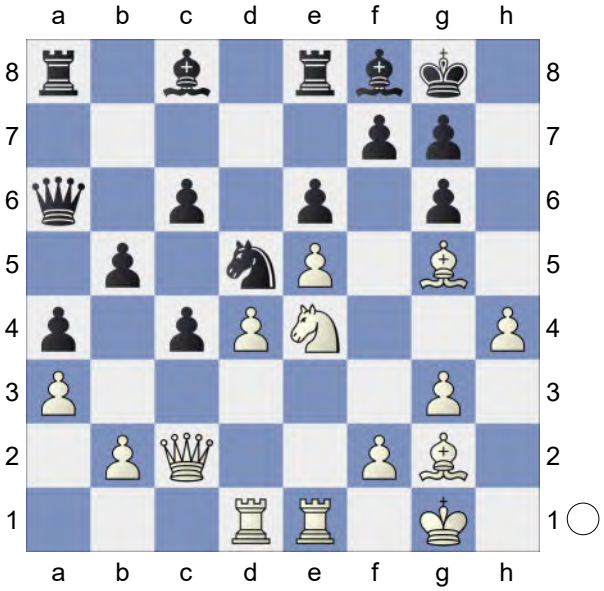
17...hxg6 1.56/19
[⌓17...fxg6 1.20/20 18.Bg5 Bf8]

18.Bg5 0.54/19 White is more active.
[18.e5± 1.56/19]

18...Bf8? 3.09/19
[Black should try 18...e5!± 0.54/19]

19.e5+- Nd5 4.12/19
[19...Nh7 2.21/18 20.Be3 Be7]

20.Ne4 b5? 4.34/20
[20...Qb5 21.Bf1 Qb3 22.Qe2 # b5 23.h5!!]
[20...Qb5 2.61/19 21.Qc1 Bd7]

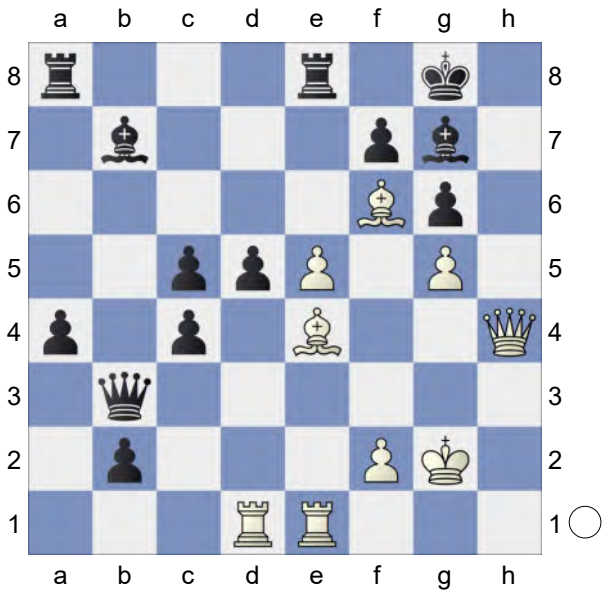


Black is weak on the dark squares

21.h5! gxh5 5.48/18
[21...Qa7 3.52/18 was worth a try. 22.hxg6 Qc7 23.gxf7+ Qxf7]
[21...b4 22.hxg6]

22.Qe2 g6 6.48/19

[22...Ra7 3.90/16 23.Qxh5 b4]
23.g4 h4 24.Bxh4 b4 6.80/18
[⌓24...Bb7 4.49/18 25.Qf3 Bg7]
25.Qf3
[25.axb4 Rb8±]
25...bxa3 26.Nf6+
[Not 26.bxa3 Rb8±]
26...Nxf6 27.Bxf6 axb2? 7.52/16
[27...Rb8 2.55/17]
28.Qh3→ Black is in trouble. This costs Black the game. **28...Bg7** Prevents Qh8+ **29.Be4 Qb5 30.g5**
[30.Qh4 c3 31.Kg2? 2.92/17 *(31.Bxg7* #11/24 mates *Kxg7 32.Qf6+ Kg8 33.Re3 Qe2 34.Rxe2 Rb8 35.Re3 b1Q 36.Rxb1)*]
30...Qb3 31.Qh4 Bb7 32.Kg2 White threatens Rh1 and mate. **32...c5 33.d5 exd5**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=1.74
34.Rh1!
1-0

92 **E04**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
■ **So,Wesley** **2770**
Lindores Abbey Final 8 rapid (1.11)
[TA]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Leitao,Rafael **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Na3 cxd4 8.Nxc4 Bc5 9.a3 a5 10.b3 0-0** The position is equal. **11.Bb2! Qc7N**
[11...h6 12.Rc1 Ba7 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.Nxd4 Qe7 16.Nb5 Rd8 4) Catalan 7.Na3 & 7.Ne5-Catalan 7.Na3 - 9.a3 #8 | A]
[11...Re8 12.Rc1 Ba7 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 Nxb4 *(14...d3 15.b5 Nb4 16.Ra1 Nc2 17.b6 Nxa1 18.Qxa1 dxe2 19.Re1 Qd5 20.Ne3 Qb5 21.bxa7 e5 22.Bxe5 Re6 23.Bb8 Qe8 24.Rxe2 Nd7 25.Nf5 Qf8 26.Rc2 f6 27.Qa2* 1-0 Lagarde,M (2607)-Tari,A (2635) POL-chT Ekstraliga 2023 (3.2)*)* 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Bxd4 Nc6 17.Bc5 Qxd1 18.Rfxd1 e5 19.Nd6 Rd8 20.Bb6 Rf8 21.Rd2 Ra4 22.Bc5 e4 23.Rb2 Rd8 24.Nxb7 Rc4 25.Ra1 Bxb7 26.Be3 1-0 (42) Dubov,D (2699)-So,W (2770) Lindores Abbey Prelim rapid 2020 (6)]
12.Nxd4 Leitao,Rafael: 'Diagram

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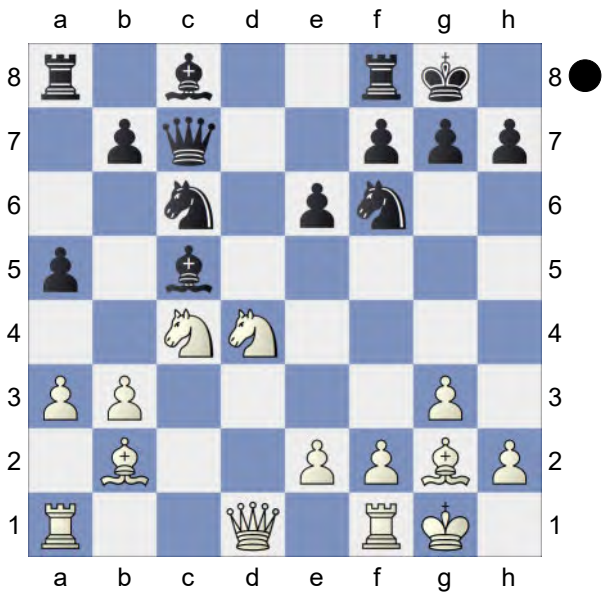
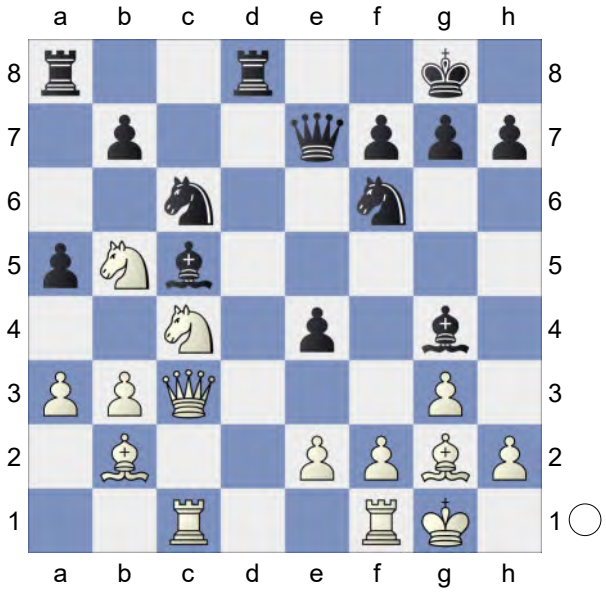
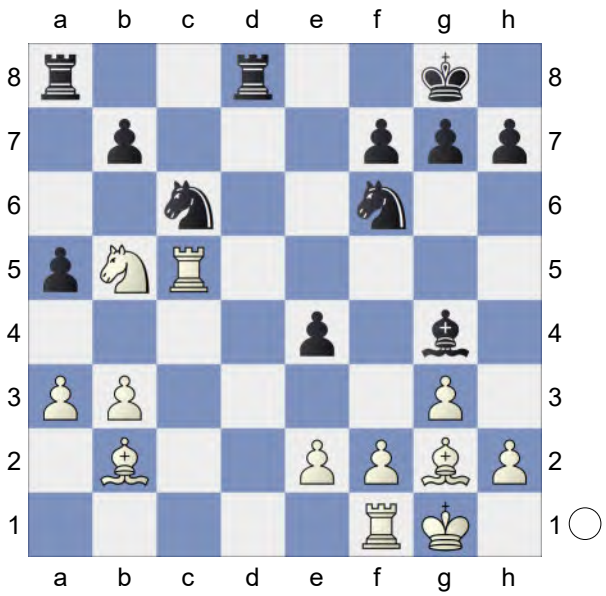


' **12...Rd8!?N** Leitao,Rafael: '!?'
An interesting idea. **13.Nb5 Qe7**
14.Qc2 Leitao,Rafael: 'N'
[14.Qc1 -0.01/18 14.Qc2 0.40 e5
15.Qc3 -0.41/18 *(15.h3= 0.01/20)*
15...e4 0.54/18 *(15...Bf5!∓ -0.41/18)*
16.Rac1 -0.24/18 *(16.Rfd1± 0.54/18)*
16...Bg4 1.03/19 *(16...Nd4!= -0.24/18*
17.Nxd4 Bxd4)

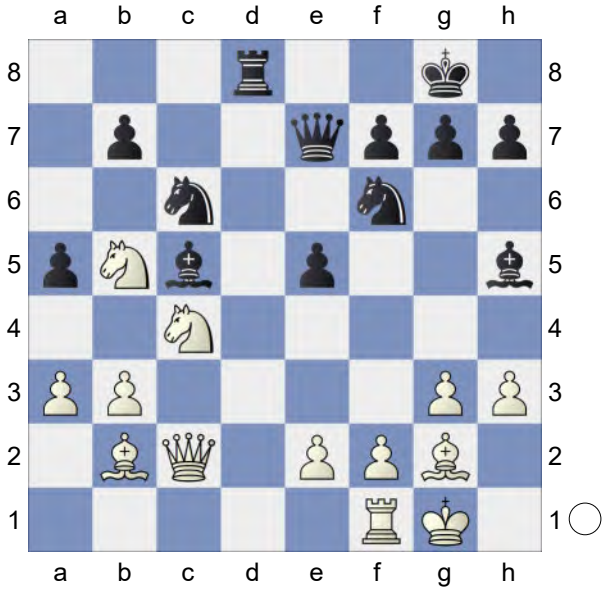


17.Ne5!± Qxe5 18.Qxe5 Nxe5+-
19.Rxc5? Nc6+-

(Diagram)



20.Re1!]
14...e5 15.Rad1 0.07/21
[15.Rac1± 0.44/19 might be stronger.]
15...Bg4= 16.h3 Bh5 17.Rxd8+
White has a big threat there: b2-b4!
17...Rxd8?! Leitao,Rafael: 'Diagram



' **18.Rd1!** A very nice blow! **18...Bg6**
0.18/22
[⌓18...Nd4 -0.24/22 19.Nxd4 exd4]
19.Rxd8+ Qxd8? 20.Qd2 Qxd2
Leitao,Rafael: 'Diagram

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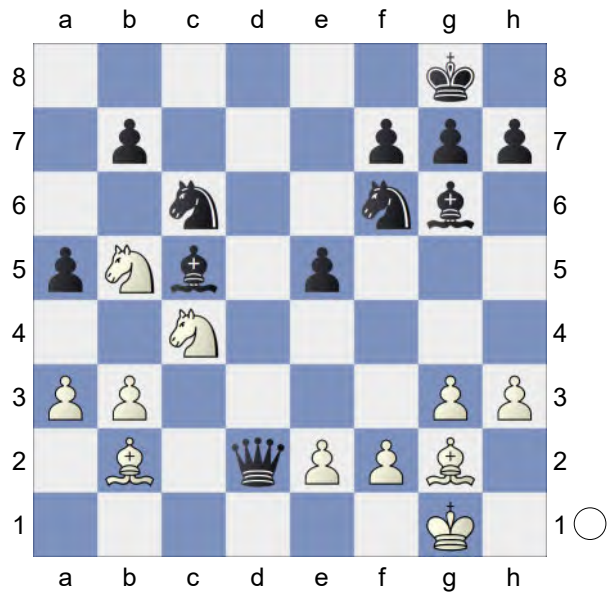


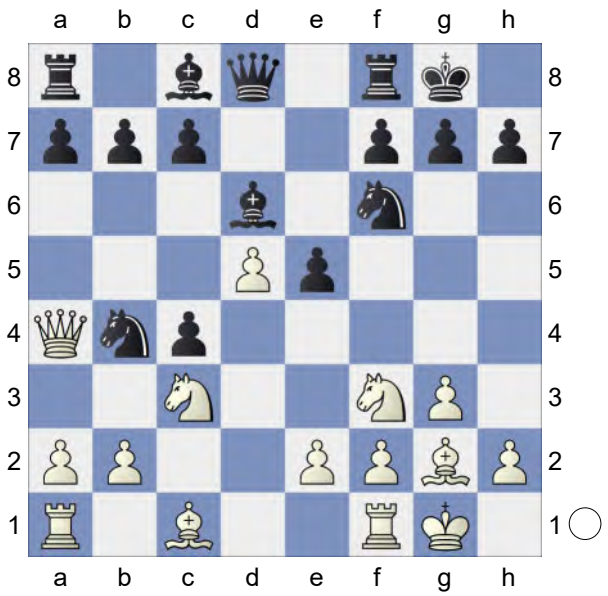
' **21.Nxd2 Bc2 22.e3 Kf8 23.Nc3!** Leitao,Rafael: '+-!'Another brilliant move. Black is completely paralyzed. **23...Ba7** 0.56/21
[23...Nd7= 0.03/20]
24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Nc4 Nd7 1.18/21 Leitao,Rafael: '!?'Black has no choice but to sacrfice his a8-rook.
[25...Bxb3 26.Nxa5 Be6 27.Nxc6=]
[Black should try 25...a4± 0.31/21]
26.Nxa5± Loses the game. **26...Bb6** 2.30/23
[26...Nb8± 0.91/19]
27.Nxc6!?+- Leitao,Rafael: '!' **27...Bxb3 28.a4!** Again, brilliant! **28...Bc5** 2.28/22
[⌓28...f6 1.72/24 29.a5 Bc5]
29.a5!? Bc4 3.67/23
[29...f6 1.80/23 30.a6 Nb6]
30.Ne4 aiming for Nxc5!. **30...Be7 31.Nxe7**
[Not 31.Nxe5 Nxe5 32.Bxe5 Bd8±]
31...Kxe7 32.Ba3+ Now it's easy. **32...Ke6 33.Nd6 Ba6** 4.97/22
[33...Be2 3.00/22 was worth a try. 34.Ne8 Kd5 35.Nxg7 Kc6]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.40

34.Ne8
1-0

95 **E10**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2839**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
Esports World Cup 2025 blitz (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

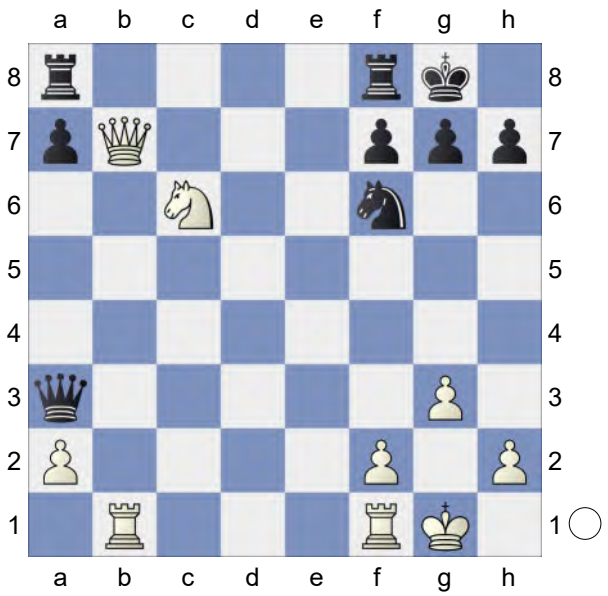
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bd6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nc3
[7.b3 a5 8.Bb2 a4 9.Nbd2 b6 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Qc2 axb3 12.axb3 Nb4 13.Qb1 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Ng5 g6 17.Nc4 Be7 18.Ne5 Qb8 19.Rcd1 d4 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Ngf3 Qe4 0-1 (35) Lazavik,D (2529)-Artemiev,V (2701) Speed Chess Q2 KO blitz 2022 (1.8)]
7...dxc4 8.Qa4 e5 The position is equal. **9.d5N**
[9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.Qxc4 c6 12.e4 Qb6 13.Qe2 Bd4 14.Kh1 Re8 15.Qc2 Qc5 16.f3 b5 17.Qd3 Be6 18.Ne2 Be5 19.Rd1 Qb4 20.Bd2 Qxb2 21.Bc3 Bxc3 22.Nxc3 Bc4 23.Qd4 c5 0-1 (36) Chan,K (2274)-Cieslak,P (2391) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (8)]
9...Nb4

(Diagram)



10.Nxe5! Deflection **10...Nbxd5 11.Nxc4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bc5 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Rab1 c6 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Qb4 Qh5 17.Bf3 Bg4 18.Qxb7 Bxf3 19.exf3 Qxf3 20.Ne5↑** White fights for an advantage. **20...Qxc3 21.Nxc6** Strongly threatening Nb8!. This move loses the game for Black. **21...Qa3?** 4.28/26

[21...Rae8= 0.11/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]



22.Nb8!+- Raxb8 23.Qxb8 Qxa2 24.Qe5 Wards off g6 **24...h5 25.Rb8** White is clearly winning. **25...Rxb8 26.Qxb8+** Endgame KQR-KQN **26...Kh7 27.Qb1+ Qxb1 28.Rxb1** KR-KN **28...g6 29.Ra1 Kg7 30.Rxa7 Ne4 31.Kg2 Ng5 32.Ra5 Ne4 33.Kf3 Nf6 34.h3 Nd7 35.Ke4 Kf6 36.Ra6+ Kg7 37.Kd5 Nf6+ 38.Ke5 Nd7+ 39.Kd6 Nf6 40.Ra4 Kf8 41.f3 Ne8+ 42.Ke5 Kg7 43.Ra6 Nc7 44.Rc6 Ne8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.67

45.f4

1-0

94 **E06**

□ **Carlsen,M** **2839**

■ **Andreikin,D** **2695**

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[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.Rd1 -0.30/19

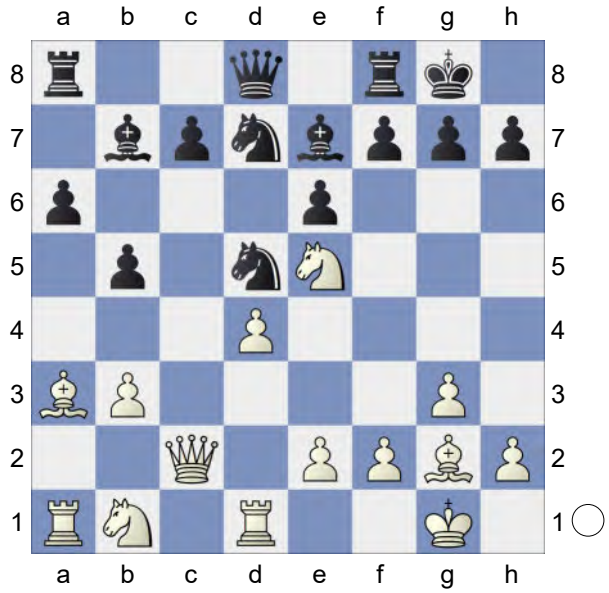
[White should play 8.a4!± 0.37/18]

8...b5= 9.Ne5 Nd5 10.b3 cxb3 11.axb3 Bb7! 12.Ba3 Nd7N 1.36/27

[12...Bxa3= -0.22/19 13.Nxa3 Qe7 14.Nd3 Rc8 15.e4 Nf6 16.Nc5 c6 17.Nb1 Ra7 18.e5 Nd5 19.Nd2 Rd8 20.Nde4 Bc8 21.h4 h6 22.Qd2 Nd7 23.Nd3 Nb8 24.Rdc1 Bb7 25.Ndc5 Bc8 26.Qe1 Nd7 27.Nd3 Nb8 28.Nd6 Rad7 1-0 (49) Garcia Del Rey,S (2462)-Doyle,B (2343) Cuba 1994-96 (3)]

[12...Bd6 13.Nd3 Nd7 14.Nc5 *(14.e4 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 N5f6 16.Nd2 Qe7 17.b4 Rac8 18.Qc3 Rfd8 19.Re1 h5 20.Nb3 h4 21.Nbc5 Nxc5 22.Nxc5 Ba8 23.Rxa6 hxg3*

24.hxg3 Ng4 25.f3 Nf6 26.Kf2 Rd6 27.Rea1 Qd8 28.Nb3 e5 1-0 (49) Dubov,D (2708)-Grischuk,A (2745) MrDodgy Online Inv Finals 3rd blitz 2022 (3.5)*)* 14...Nxc5 15.dxc5 Be5 16.c6 Bxc6 17.Ra2 b4 18.Qxc6 bxa3 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Rxd5 Qf6 21.Qxf6 Bxf6 22.Nxa3 Unit 5 Position 5-9...Nd5 10.b3 cxb3 12...Bd6 Catalan part 2 2024]
[12...c5 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.Qxc5 Nd7 15.Qd6 Nxe5 16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.dxe5 Nf4 18.Rxd8 Nxe2+ 19.Kf1 Bxg2+ 20.Kxe2 Rxd8 21.Rxa6 g5 Chapter-6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 Rare line 2024]



13.Nc6 -0.01/19 White is much more active.
[13.Bxe7± 1.36/27 Qxe7 14.Bxd5 exd5 *(14...Bxd5 15.Qxc7 Rfd8 16.Nc3±)* 15.Qxc7]
13...Bxc6 14.Qxc6 N7b6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 0.10/20
[15...Nxe7 -0.29/22 might be stronger. 16.Qc2 c6]
16.Nd2 -0.60/21
[16.Nc3= 0.10/20]
16...Ra7 17.Ne4 Rd8 18.e3 h6 19.h4 Nb4 20.Qc5 -1.09/22
[20.Qc3∓ -0.44/22]
20...Qxc5∓ 21.Nxc5 a5 22.Rdc1 c6 23.Ra3 -1.39/22
[⌓23.Kf1 -0.96/22]
23...Kf8 24.g4 Ke7 25.Kh2 -1.76/21
[25.Raa1∓ -1.26/21]
25...Rda8 -1.31/21
[25...Nd7-+ -1.76/21 26.h5 Rc8]
26.Kg3 Kd6 -1.05/19
[⌓26...Nd7 -1.59/19 27.Raa1 Nxc5 28.Rxc5 Rc8]
27.f4 -1.56/19
[⌓27.Ne4+ -1.05/19 Ke7 28.h5]
27...a4? -0.01/19
[27...Nd7∓ -1.56/19 And now ...Nxc5 would win. 28.Ne4+ Kc7]
28.bxa4= Nxa4 Excellent horsemanship. **29.Ne4+** -0.57/19
[29.Nd3= 0.01/20 Nd5 30.Bxd5 Kxd5 *(30...exd5 31.Kf3∓)* 31.Nb4+ Ke4 32.Nxc6 *(32.Rxc6 Nb2=)*]
29...Ke7 0.01/18
[Black should try 29...Kd7!∓ -0.57/19]
30.Rb3 Nd5⇄ Black puts up resistance
31.Rxc6 Strongly threatening Nf2!.
31...b4 32.f5 Ra6 33.Rc2 R8a7 0.27/24
[⌓33...Nab6 -0.25/23 34.Nd2 Ra3]
34.Nc5 Nxc5 The position is equal.
35.Rxc5 Ra3 36.Bxd5 exd5 37.Rxb4 Rxe3+ Endgame KRR-KRR **38.Kf2 Rh3**

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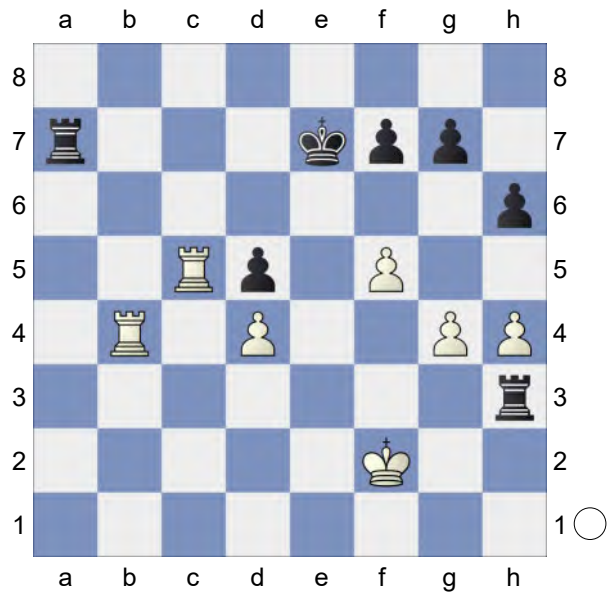
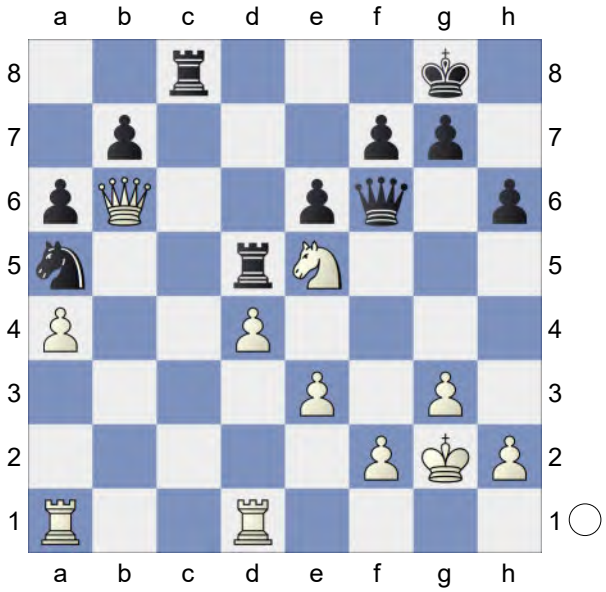


39.Rxd5 Ra2+ 40.Kg1 Rg3+ 41.Kf1 Rxg4 42.Rb7+ Kf6 43.Rb6+ Ke7 44.Rb7+ Kf6 45.Rb6+ Ke7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
46.Rb7+
½-½

96 **E06**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2837**
■ **Wei Yi** **2758**
13th Norway Chess 2025 (3.2) 28.05.25
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5 Bd5 11.Qc2 Be4 12.Qc1 Nc6 13.e3 Bb4
...Qd5 is the strong threat. **14.Qd1 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nc3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Na5N**
[17...e5 18.Nd2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 exd4 20.cxd4 a5 21.Rc1 Rac8 22.Nc4 b6 23.Qf3 Qxf3+ 24.Kxf3 Rfd8 25.Rfd1 Kf8 26.Rd2 Nb4 27.e4 f6 28.g4 Rb8 29.d5 c6 30.d6 c5 31.e5 fxe5 32.Nxe5 1-0 (45) Barp,A (2452)-Stevanic,D (2312) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (2)]
18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rfd8
Repels Nd7 **20.Qb1 Rac8 21.Rd1 c5 22.Qb6 cxd4 23.cxd4**
[23.Qxa5 Rd5 24.Qb6 Qxe5 *(24...Rxe5 25.Qxb7 Rxc3 26.Qa8+ Kh7 27.Rxd4=)* 25.cxd4 Qc7]
23...Rd5 1.04/23
[23...Rc2± 0.51/23 24.Rf1 Nc6]



24.Rdc1!± Qd8 25.Qb4 White is much more active. **25...Rc7** 1.52/20
[25...Rb8 0.90/22]

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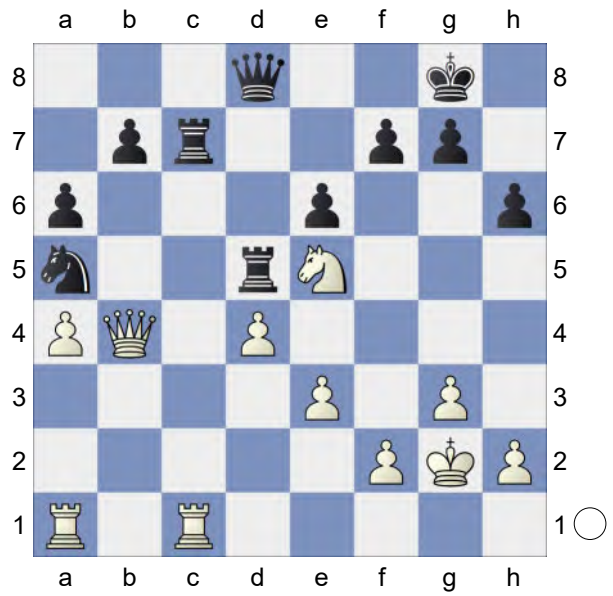

26.Rc3 0.07/23
[26.h4!± 1.52/20]
26...Rxc3= 27.Qxc3 Rc1 poses a challenge **27...Rd6! 28.Rb1 f6 29.Ng6 Qe8 30.Qc2↑** White has some pressure. Black is weak on the dark squares
30...Kf7 0.67/21
[30...Rc6= 0.30/21 31.Qd3 Rc8]
31.h4 0.16/19
[White should try 31.Nf4!± 0.67/21 Qe7 32.Qh7]
31...Qc6+ 32.Qxc6 Rxc6 Endgame KRN-KRN **33.h5 Rc4 34.Kf3 Ke8** 1.21/24
[34...Rxa4= 0.19/22 keeps the balance. 35.Rb6 Ra3]
35.Nf4±
[35.Rb6?! Rc6 36.Rxc6 Nxc6=]
35...Ke7 36.g4 0.08/22
[36.Nd3± 1.03/22]
36...e5 0.63/26
[Of course not 36...Rxa4 37.Rb6±]
[Black should try 36...Kd6!= 0.08/22]
37.Ng6+± Ke6! 38.dxe5 0.04/20
[38.Rb6+± 0.48/24 should be considered. Rc6 39.Rxc6+ Nxc6 40.Ke4]
38...fxe5= 39.Rb6+ Rc6 The position is equal. **40.Rb2 Rc4 41.Ra2 Nb3 42.Nh4 Nc5 43.Nf5 Rxa4 44.Rc2**
[44.Nxg7+ Kf6 45.Rxa4 Nxa4 46.Ne8+ Ke7∓]
44...b6 45.Rd2 Ne4 46.Nxg7+ Kf6 47.Rd7 Ng5+ 48.Kg3 Ne4+ 49.Kf3 Ng5+ 50.Kg3 And now Nf5 would win.
50...Ne4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
51.Kf3
½-½

98 **E06**
□ **Nakamura,Hi** **2807**
■ **Carlsen,M** **2839**
Esports World Cup 2025 blitz (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nc3 Nbd7
[11...Bxf4 12.gxf4 a5 13.e3 Nbd7 *(13...Na6 14.Kh1 Nb4 15.Rg1 Qe7 16.Ne5 Bxg2+ 17.Rxg2 g6* 14) Catalan 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7-11. Nc3 #1 Lifetime Repertoires: Vigorito's Queen' 2024*)* 14.Kh1 Ra6 15.Rg1 Rb6 16.Qe2 Ne4 17.Qc2 f5 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Qc3 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Nf6 21.Qxa5 Rxb2 22.Rg2 Nd5 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Qc3 Rb6 25.a5 Rb5 26.Rg5 ½-½ (56) C 06/30 (2767)-Twyble,M (2780) cr KOSENKOV MEMORIAL 1998 (7.2)]
12.Rfd1N
[12.Bd2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Ng5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nf6 16.Qc2 h6 17.Nf3 Qe7 18.e4 2. Catalan mainline 6... dxc4-9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4

Bd6 #2]
12...Bxf4 The position is equal. **13.gxf4 Nb6 14.Qb3 Nbd5 15.e3 Nxc3** 0.55/19
[15...Rb8= 0.18/18]
16.bxc3± b5 17.c4 Dodges Bd5
17...bxc4 18.Qxc4 Bd5 19.Qc5 0.17/19
[White should try 19.Qd3± 0.67/17]
19...Nd7 0.54/18
[19...Rb8= 0.17/19]
20.Qc2 h6 Repels Ng5 **21.Rac1 Rc8 22.Qe2** 0.08/21
[22.Ne5!± 0.48/18]
22...c5= 23.Qxa6 c4 24.Qd6 -0.73/20
[24.Ne5= 0.01/19]
24...Rc6!∓ 25.Qa3 Qa8 -0.29/19
[25...Ra6∓ -0.75/21 26.Nd2 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Qa8+ 28.Kg1 Rxa4]
26.Ne1 -1.12/20
[26.Ne5= -0.29/19 keeps the balance. Nxe5 27.Bxd5 exd5 28.dxe5]
26...Bxg2! 27.Nxg2 Rfc8 -0.39/18
[Better is 27...Nf6∓ -1.00/18 aiming for ...Rfc8. 28.f5 Qa5 *(28...exf5 29.d5∓)* 29.fxe6 fxe6]
28.e4 -0.76/20
[28.d5!∓ -0.39/18 is more appropriate. exd5 29.e4]
28...Ra6 29.d5 exd5 -0.38/20
[29...Rxa4∓ -0.98/18 30.Qh3 Nc5]
30.Qh3 Nf6 31.e5 -2.46/18
[31.exd5∓ -0.41/20 Rd8 *(31...Nxd5? 32.Rxd5 Rxa4 33.Rdd1+-; 31...Rxa4 32.Nh4∓)* 32.Rxc4]
31...Ne4-+ 32.Rxd5

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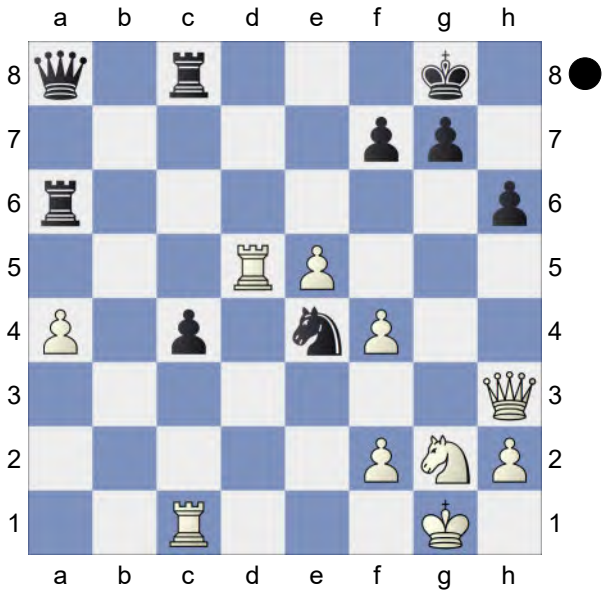

and Rd4 would now be decisive
32...Rxa4 -1.33/19
[32...Rb8!-+ -2.30/19 33.Rd4 Nxf2 Decoy *(33...Rxa4 34.e6=)* 34.Kxf2 Rb2+ 35.Kf1 *(35.Kg1? Rg6-+)* 35...Rg6 36.Rdxc4 Qxg2+ 37.Qxg2 Rgxg2]
33.Ne3 -1.85/17
[33.e6∓ -1.33/19 might work better. Qxd5 34.exf7+ Kxf7 *(34...Qxf7 35.Qxc8+ Kh7 36.Qc6=)* 35.Qxc8]
33...Rd8? 0.01/22
[33...c3-+ -1.85/17 34.e6 fxe6 35.Qxe6+ Kh8]
34.Rxd8+=
[34.Rxc4 with more complications. Ra1+ 35.Kg2 Nd2 36.Rcc5]
34...Qxd8 35.Rd1 Nd2? 6.30/22
[35...Qe8= -0.01/20]

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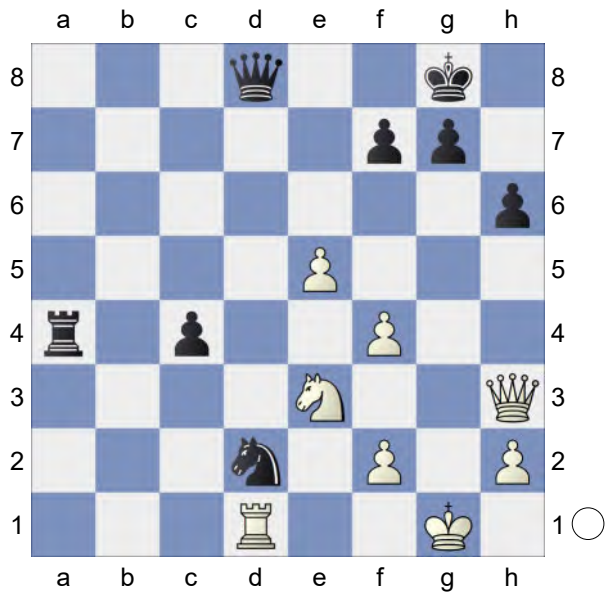
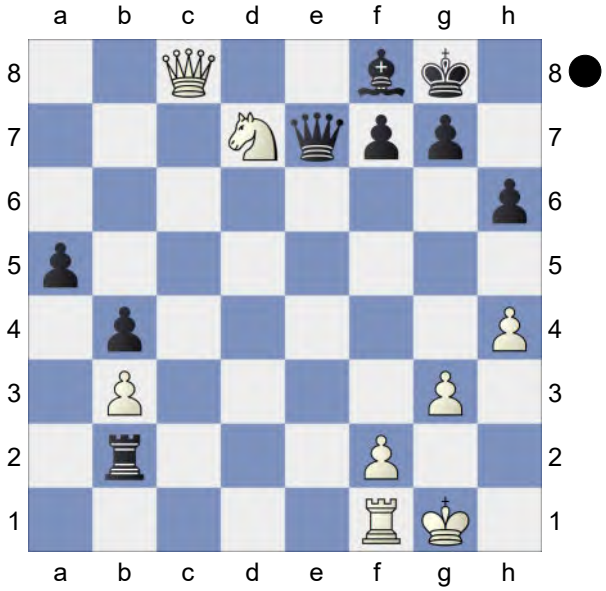


36.Nf1!+- White is clearly winning.
36...Ra2 37.Qe3 Dodges Qd4 **37...Qa8 38.Rxd2 Ra1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.61
39.Qd4
1-0

97 **E06**
□ **Nakamura,Hi** **2807**
■ **Carlsen,M** **2839**
Esports World Cup 2025 blitz (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

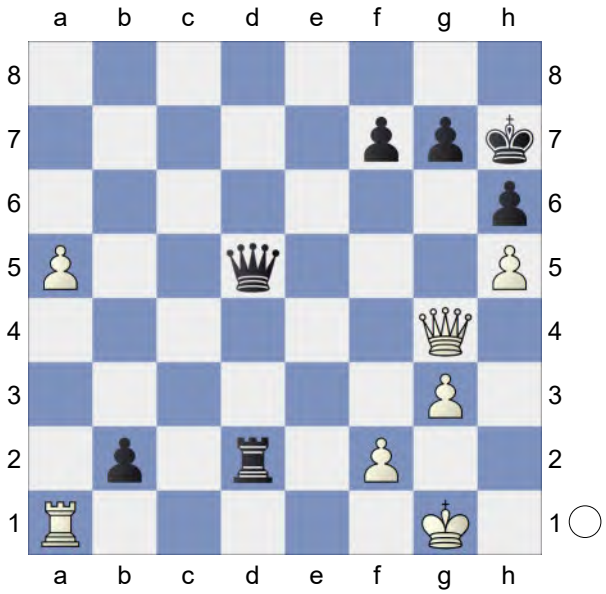
E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 a5 7.b3 b6N
[7...c6 8.Nc3 b6 9.Qd3 *(9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Bb2 Nfd7 11.Nd3 Na6 12.e4 dxc4 13.bxc4 e5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nc5 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.Nd1 Na4 18.Ne3 Bc5 19.Nf5 Rae8 20.Qg4 g6 21.Qh4 f6 22.Nh6+ Kh8 23.Bc1 Qxe5* ½-½ (51) Henry,S (2627)-Heemskerk,W (2608) Wien 48/436 1989 *)* 9...Bb7 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 c5 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Bxb7 Ra7 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Qxd8 Bxd8 18.Bc6 Bf6 19.Rb1 Rc8 20.Bg2 Rd8 21.Be3 Kf8 22.Rxd8+ 1-0 (31) Ciolek,A (2166)-Hengl,P (2166) AUT-chT2W 2425 2024 (2.4)]
8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 White has an edge.
9...Bb7 10.Bf4 Re8 11.Rc1 aiming for Nb5. **11...Na6 12.Ne5 h6 13.Nd3** -0.01/21
[13.h4± 0.40/17 deserves consideration.]
13...Bf8 14.h4 c5 15.dxc5 -0.30/19
[⩲15.e3! 0.29/18]
15...bxc5= 16.Na4 Rc8 0.00/17
[16...Ne4!∓ -0.42/20]
17.Be5 -1.39/19
[17.Be3= 0.00/17 remains equal.]
17...Ne4∓ 18.Bb2 -1.63/16
[18.Bf4∓ -0.92/16]
18...d4-+ 19.Ba3? -2.63/16
[19.Re1∓ -0.84/16]
19...Nb4 20.Bxb4 cxb4 21.Rxc8 -2.46/19
[21.Rc2 -1.89/16]
21...Qxc8 22.Nf4? -3.66/21
[22.Nc1∓ -1.50/18]
22...Nc3? -1.01/21
[22...Bd6-+ -3.66/21 and Black stays clearly on top. Hoping for ...Bxf4. 23.Nh5 Qf5 24.Qxd4 Qxh5 25.Bxe4 Remove Defender Bxe4 26.Qxd6 Qxe2]
23.Bxb7 -1.75/18
[23.Qxd4∓ -1.01/21 Nxe2+ Overworked Piece *(23...Nxa2 24.Bxb7 Qxb7 25.Qd2±)* 24.Nxe2 Bxg2 *(24...Rxe2 25.Bxb7 Qxb7 26.Nb6∓)* 25.Kxg2 Rxe2 26.Qd5]
23...Qxb7 24.Qxd4 Nxe2+ 25.Nxe2 Rxe2 26.Qd8? -2.78/23
[26.Nb6∓ -0.73/19 is the only way for White.]

26...Rxa2 27.Nb6 -3.29/21
[27.h5 -2.28/21]
27...Qe7 28.Qc8 -4.51/20
[28.Qxe7 -2.65/20 Bxe7 29.Rc1]
28...Rb2 -2.24/23
[⌓28...Rd2 -4.51/20 29.Kh2 Qa7]
29.Nd7



Rd2 Repels Rd1
[29...Rxb3 30.Rd1=]
30.Nxf8 Qxf8 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **31.Qf5** -3.95/21
[31.Qc6 -2.18/22]
31...Qd8 32.h5 -4.94/22
[32.Re1 -3.24/22 keeps fighting. Rd1 33.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 34.Kh2]
32...Qd5 Black is clearly winning.
33.Qg4 -8.13/19
[⌓33.Qxd5 -4.65/22 Rxd5 34.Kg2]
33...Kh7
[33...Qxb3 34.Qc8+ Kh7 35.Qf5+ g6 36.hxg6+ fxg6 37.Qxa5∓]
34.Ra1 a4
[And not 34...Qxb3 35.Qe4+ g6 36.Rxa5= *(36.hxg6+ Kg7=)*]
35.bxa4 b3 36.a5 b2

(Diagram)



Deflection **37.Re1**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.13/ Black=0.31
37...Qd3
0-1

99 **E10**
□ **Nakamura,Hi** **2804**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2636**
Titled Tue 13th May Late blitz (7) 13.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
'E11: Bogo-Indian Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'E11: Bogo-Indian'"
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Qc2
[6.Qb3 0-0 7.Bg2 Nbd7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0 Nb6 10.Bb4 Bxb4 11.Qxb4 Re8 12.Nc3 a5 13.Qb3 Ne4 14.Rac1 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 c6 16.Rfe1 Nc4 17.b3 Nd6 18.Nd2 Bf5 19.a4 Bg6 20.f3 Nf5 0-1 (40) Ftacnik,L (2602)-Berndt,S (2482) Bundesliga 0203 2002 (5.2)]
[6.Nc3 c6 7.Qc2 Nbd7 8.e4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nb6

12.Rad1 b4 13.Nb1 0-0 14.h3 Rc8 15.Be3 Qe8 16.Nbd2 c5 17.dxc5 Na4 18.Qb3 a5 19.c6 Bxc6 20.Rc1 Bd7 ½-½ (71) Jiretorn,E-Juergens,Vol (Women) 37th 2006 (11)]

6...c6 7.Bg2 0-0N

[7...b6 8.0-0 Ba6 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Bf4 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 0-0 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.e4 Bb7 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.Nc3 Qd7 18.d5 exd5 19.Rd1 Nc6 20.Rxd5 Qe6 21.Qe4 Bb4 22.f4 0-1 (28) Ivanov,M (2445)-Kiselev,S (2505) Moscow5 1995 (11)]

8.0-0 Ne4 9.Bc3 Nd7 10.Nbd2 f5

The position is equal. **11.b4 Bf6** 0.70/17

[11...a5= 0.19/15]

12.Bb2 0.33/17

[⩲12.a4 0.70/17]

12...g5 0.81/17

[12...a5± 0.33/17]

13.Nb3 0.44/16

[13.a4± 0.81/17]

13...Qe7± 14.a3 0.01/17

[14.a4± 0.55/17]

14...Qg7!= 15.e3 -0.25/19

[⩲15.a4 0.24/17]

15...h5 16.Rab1 -0.71/19

[16.a4= -0.08/17]

16...h4∓ 17.Nfd2 -1.12/16

[17.cxd5∓ -0.43/20 exd5 18.Nc5]

17...hxg3 -0.38/18

[17...g4!∓ -1.12/16]

18.hxg3∓ g4 19.Rfc1 -1.02/19

[19.Bxe4∓ -0.48/19 fxe4 20.a4]

19...Qh6∓ Black has more active pieces.

20.Nc5? -3.11/20

[20.Nxe4!∓ -0.44/17 fxe4 21.Qd1]

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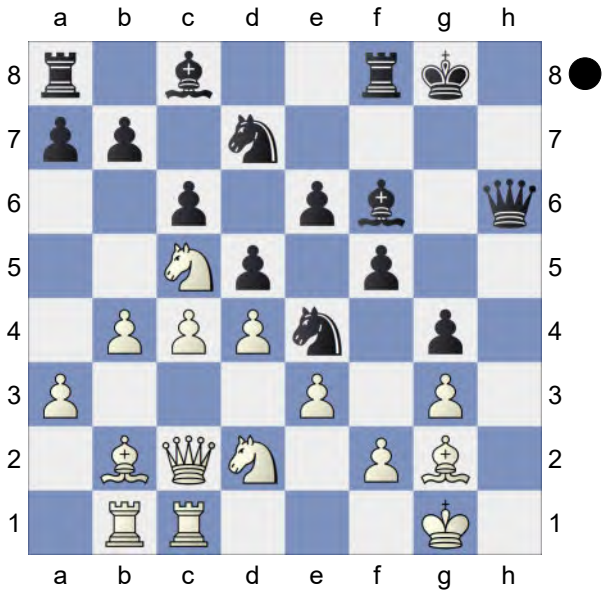


20...Nxg3? -0.70/23 **21.fxg3?** -3.03/24

[21.Nxe6!∓ -0.70/23 Ne2+ 22.Kf1 Nxc1 23.Nxf8 Nxf8 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Bxd5+ Be6 26.Bxe6+ Nxe6 27.Rxc1 Qh3+ 28.Ke2 Nf4+ 29.Ke1 *(29.exf4 Re8+∓)*]

21...Qxe3+ 22.Kf1 Nxc5

[22...Bxd4? 23.Bxd4 Qxd4 24.Nxe6+-]

[22...Qxg3 23.Qd3 Qf4+ 24.Kg1 Nxc5 25.dxc5∓]

23.dxc5 -4.17/21

[23.bxc5 -2.13/19 Bg5 *(23...Qxg3 24.Re1∓)* 24.Nb3 *(24.cxd5? exd5 25.Nb3 Qxg3-+)*]

23...d4-+

[23...Qxg3 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Qb3 Qf4+ 26.Ke2=]

24.Nb3 Qxg3 -1.38/21

[24...e5-+ -4.47/22 has better winning chances. 25.b5 Qxg3]

25.Bxd4? -3.49/21

[25.Nxd4∓ -1.38/21 was the only defense. e5 26.Ne2]

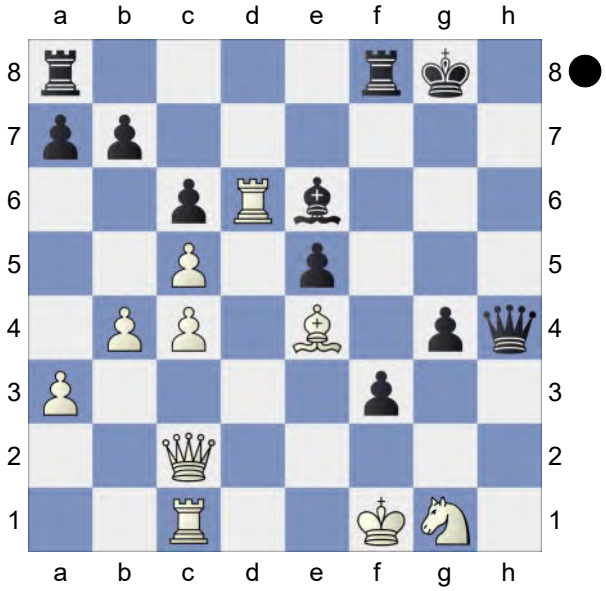
25...Bxd4? -0.01/21

[25...e5-+ -3.49/21 26.Bc3 Be6]

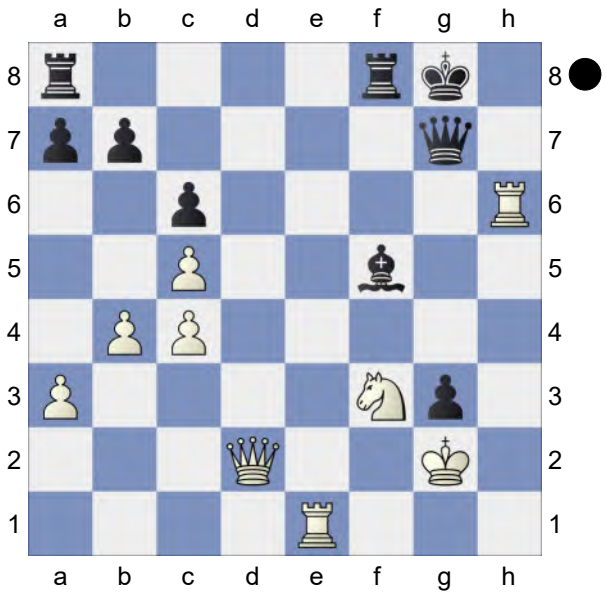
26.Nxd4= e5!

[26...Qxa3? 27.Rb3 Qa6 28.Qc3+-]

27.Ne2
[27.b5 with more complications. exd4 28.bxc6 bxc6 29.Bxc6 Be6 30.Bxa8 Rxa8 31.Qg2]
27...Qh4⇄ Black is not keeping still
[27...Qxa3? 28.Rb3 Qa6 29.Qb2+-]
28.Rb3 -0.90/21
[28.Rd1!= 0.01/21 remains equal.]
28...Be6 -0.01/20
[28...f4∓ -0.90/21 29.Qg6+ Kh8]
29.Re3 -0.49/21
[29.b5= -0.01/20 deserves consideration.]
29...Qf6∓ Black has compensation.
30.Rd3? -5.30/17
[White should try 30.Kg1∓ -0.43/21]
30...f4-+ 31.Be4 Qh4 ...f3 would now be deadly. **32.Ng1 f3 33.Rd6?** -6.76/17
[33.Rcd1 -3.27/17 Rf4 34.Re3]



33...g3?? 2.64/23 **34.Bxf3?** -0.37/24
[34.Rxe6 g2+]
[34.Nxf3!+- 2.64/23 Rxf3+ 35.Bxf3]
34...Bf5∓ The board is on fire. **35.Qd2** and Rh6 should not be overlooked
35...e4? 1.94/22
[35...Be4!∓ -0.57/20 keeps the upper hand. 36.Qh6 Qxh6 *(36...Rxf3+?* perishes. *37.Nxf3 Qxh6 38.Rxh6+-)* 37.Rxh6 Bxf3]
36.Rh6+- Qe7 37.Re1?? -8.54/20
[37.Be2+- 1.70/20]
37...Qg7-+ 38.Kg2 exf3+ 39.Nxf3

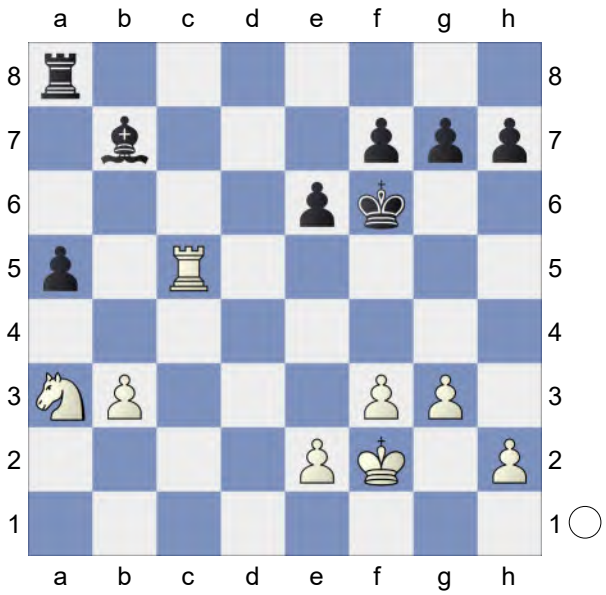


Rae8? 0.49/26
[Better is 39...Bg4!-+ -8.24/23 40.Kg1 Bxf3 *(40...Rxf3? 41.Rd6-+)*]
40.Rxe8± Rxe8 41.Rd6 -0.01/23
[41.Rh5!± 0.44/24 Bg6 42.Rg5]
41...Be4= 42.Rd8? -19.38/25
[42.Qf4= 0.01/19]
42...Bxf3+-+ Black is clearly winning.
43.Kxf3 Qf6+ 44.Kg2
Weighted Error Value: White=1.16/ Black=0.73
44...Rxd8
0-1

102 **E04**
□ **Nakamura,Hi** **2802**
■ **Caruana,F** **2783**
American Cup Champ (4.1) 22.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

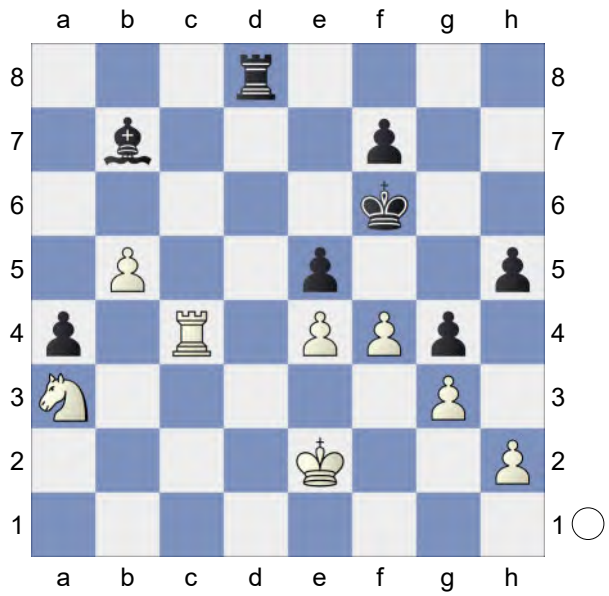
E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4

5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nbd2 White has compensation. **7...b5 8.b3**
[8.Ne5 with more complications. Nxe5 9.Bxa8 Qxd4 10.Ne4]
8...c3 Inhibits Bb2. **9.Nb1** The position is equal. **9...b4 10.a3! Bb7**
[10...Rb8 11.axb4 Bxb4 12.Bg5 *(12.Qd3 0-0 13.Nxc3 e5 14.Be3 exd4 15.Nxd4 Ne5 16.Qd2 Nfg4 17.h3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Re8 19.Rfd1 Bc5 20.Na4 Ba7 21.Qc3 Qe7 22.Rac1 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Bd7 24.Nc5 Bb5 25.Rcd1 h6 26.Re4 Qf6* ½-½ (59) Di Benedetto,E (2401)-Ohanyan,E (2514) Budapest FS09 GM 2024 (8)*)* 12...h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.e3 e5 15.d5 e4 16.Ne1 Ne5 17.Nc2 Bg4 18.Qd4 Nf3+ 19.Bxf3 Qxd4 20.Nxd4 Bxf3 21.Rc1 a5 22.Nxc3 0-0 23.Ncb5 Rfd8 24.Nc6 Rxb5 25.Nxd8 1-0 (27) Skalusevic,L (2559)-4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2_45661 (2669) Merida 2000 (21)]
11.Ne5 c2N
[11...Nd5 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.axb4 Bxb4 14.Qc2 0-0 *(14...f5 15.Bb2 Qd7 16.Nxc3 Nxc3 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Rfc1 Qe4 19.Bxc3 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 Bd6* 11) Catalan - 7.Nbd2-Catalan − 7.Nbd2 #7 *)* 15.e4 Nf6 16.Rd1 h6 17.Ba3 12. Catalan open 4... dxc4 5.-5.Nf3 a6 6.O-O Nc6 7.Nbd2 b5]
12.Bxc6+ Bxc6 13.Qxc2 Be4 14.Qb2 Bb7 15.axb4 Bxb4 16.Bd2 c5 0.57/20
[16...Be7= 0.20/19 feels stronger.]
17.Nd3 0.12/21
[17.Rc1± 0.57/20 Qd5 18.f3]
17...Qd5= 18.f3 Bxd2 19.Nxd2 Qxd4+
[19...cxd4?! 20.Qa3±]
20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.Rfc1 Wards off Bc6
21...0-0 22.Ra4 Rfd8 23.Rc7 Rd7 24.Rxd7 Nxd7 25.Rxd4 Bc6 26.Nc4 a5 27.Kf2 Kf8 28.Rd6 Bb5 Strongly threatening ...Bxc4. **29.Na3 Bxd3 30.Rxd7** Endgame KRB-KRN
30...Ba6 31.Rd6 Ke7 1.13/25
[31...Bb7= 0.15/22]
32.Rc6!± Kf6 33.Rc5 Bb7



34.e4 0.31/21 Inhibits Bd5.
[34.Nc4!± 1.20/21]
34...a4 35.b4 Rd8 1.73/20
[35...e5± 0.70/21]
36.Ke2 0.49/22
[White should play 36.Ke3+- 1.73/20]
36...g5 1.12/21
[Better is 36...Rc8!± 0.49/22]
37.Rc4 0.34/20
[37.Rc7± 1.12/21 Rb8 38.b5]
37...h5 1.53/21
[37...Rc8!± 0.34/20 38.Rxc8 Bxc8]
38.b5 g4 1.81/21
[38...Ra8± 0.97/21]
39.f4+-
[39.Rxa4 gxf3+ 40.Kxf3 Rd3+ 41.Ke2 Rb3±]
39...e5

(Diagram)



40.f5 0.05/24
[Don't do 40.Rxa4 exf4 41.gxf4 h4±]
[40.fxe5+!± 1.44/21 Kxe5 41.Ke3 *(41.Rxa4 Bxe4 42.b6 f5±)*]
40...h4 41.Rxa4
[41.gxh4 Rh8 42.Rxa4 Rxh4-+]
41...hxg3 42.hxg3 Rh8 43.Nb1 Rh2+ 44.Kd1 Rh1+ 45.Kc2 This move loses the game for Black. **45...Re1?** 5.70/21
[45...Rh2+= 0.08/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 46.Nd2 Rg2]
46.Nc3 Re3 47.Nd5+ Bxd5 48.exd5 Threatens to win with b6. **48...Rxg3?** 12.39/18
[48...Re2+ 3.27/22 49.Kd3 Rg2]
49.b6 White is clearly winning. **49...Rg2+ 50.Kc3 Rg3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.50
51.Kc4
1-0

101 **E06**
□ **Nakamura,Hi** **2802**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2600**
American Cup Champ (1.1) 16.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nc3 Bxf4 12.gxf4 a5 13.e3 Na6 14.Kh1
[14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 c6 16.h3 Qb6 17.Qe2 c5 18.Rfd1 cxd4 19.Rxd4 Rad8 20.Rxd8 Qxd8 21.Rd1 Qa8 22.Kg1 Nb4 23.Qb5 Nbd5 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Rc1 h6 26.Qd7 Nf6 27.Qd6 g6 28.b3 h5 1-0 (39) Giri,A (2763)-Wang,H (2762) Candidates Tournament 2020 (9)]
14...Nb4 15.Qe2 -0.01/20
[15.Rg1± 0.36/19 Qe7 16.Ne5 Bxg2+ 17.Rxg2 g6 14) Catalan 7. Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7-11.Nc3 #1 Lifetime Repertoires: Vigorito's Queen' 2024]
15...Qe7N 16.Nb5 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 c6 18.Na3 Ne8 19.Nc2 Nxc2 20.Qxc2 f5 21.Qb3 Nf6 22.Rac1 Nd5 23.Rg1 Rf7 24.Rc5 Kh8 25.Qd1 Qf6 26.Qf1 Rc7 27.Qg2 b6 28.Rc4 Rac8 29.Rgc1
[29.h3 is interesting. h6 30.Kh2 Kh7 31.b3]
29...Qe7 30.h3 Nb4 31.Be2
[31.Bxc6 Nd3 32.Rf1 Nxb2∓]
31...Na2

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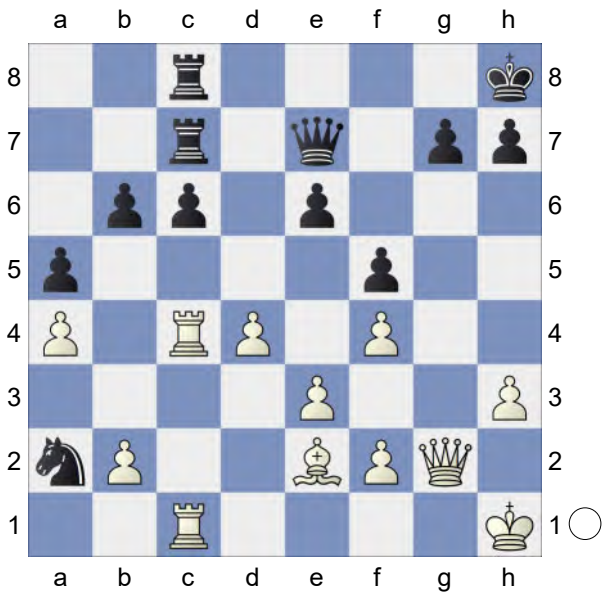
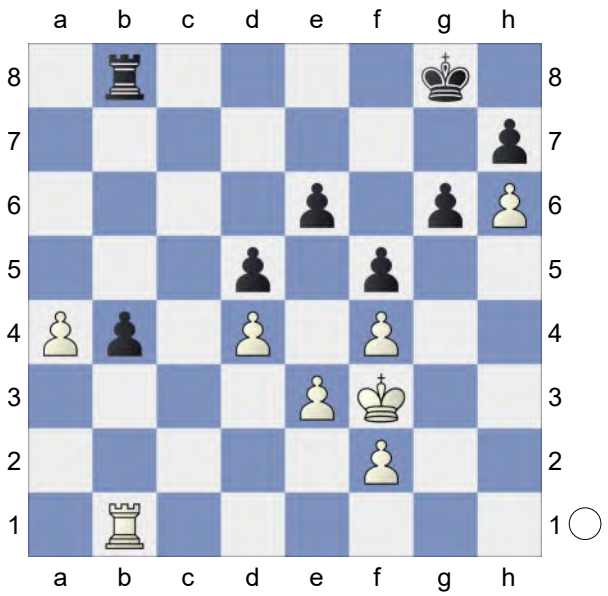


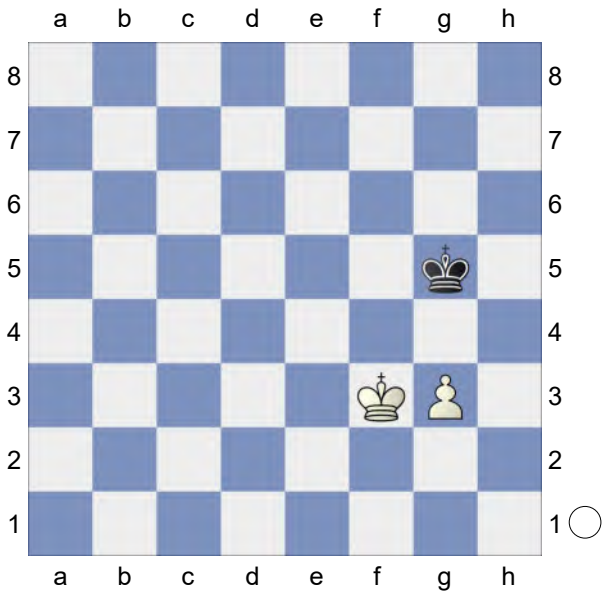
aiming for ...b5. **32.Rd1 Nb4 33.b3 Nd5 34.Rcc1 Nb4 35.Bc4 Na2 36.Ra1 Nb4 37.Rg1 Rd8 38.Kh2 Qf6 39.Be2 Rdc8 40.Rad1 Nd5 41.Ba6 Rd8 42.Rc1 Nb4 43.Be2 Rdc8 44.Rc4 Qe7 45.Bf3 Kg8 46.Rcc1 Qf6 47.Be2 Kh8 48.Bc4 Nd5 49.Qg3 Rd8 50.h4** -0.01/23
[50.Bxd5± 0.39/21 Rxd5 51.Qf3]
50...Qf7 51.Be2 Rdc8 52.Ba6 Ra8 53.Be2 Rac8 54.h5 Nf6 55.Qh4 Qe7 56.Kg2 Nd5 57.Qxe7 Rxe7 58.Bf3 0.01/24
[58.Ba6± 0.39/23 Rcc7 59.Rh1]
58...Rec7 59.Bxd5 cxd5 Endgame KRR-KRR **60.Rb1**
[60.Rxc7 Rxc7 61.Kf3 Rc3=]
60...Kg8 0.76/26
[60...Rc6± 0.40/24]
61.b4 Rc4? 2.67/24
[Better is 61...Ra8± 0.64/25]
62.bxa5+- bxa5 63.Kf3? 0.27/25
[63.Rb6+- 2.22/23]
63...Rb4!= 64.Rxb4 axb4 KR-KR **65.h6 g6** 1.40/29
[65...Rc7= 0.13/26]
66.Rb1± Rb8
(Diagram)



67.Ke2! b3 68.Kd3 Ra8? 4.62/29
[68...Rb4± 1.25/28]
69.Rxb3+- Rxa4 70.Rb7? 0.09/28
[70.Rb8++- 4.73/27 Kf7 71.Rh8]
70...Ra2!= 71.Rg7+ Kh8! 72.Re7 Kg8 73.Rxe6 Rxf2 74.Re8+ Kf7 75.Rh8 Kf6 76.Rxh7 g5 77.fxg5+! Kxg5 78.Rd7 Kxh6 79.Rxd5 Kg6 80.Re5 Ra2? 5.61/27
[80...Kf6± 0.77/26]
81.e4? 0.49/28
[White has to play 81.d5+- 5.61/27 Ra6 82.Kc4]
81...fxe4+± 82.Rxe4 Kf5! (-> ...Ra3+)
83.Re8 Ra4! The position is equal.
84.Kc3 Kf6 85.d5 aiming for d6.
85...Kf7 86.Re2 Kf6 87.Re1 Kf7 88.Re6 Rh4 89.Re2 Ra4 90.Re1 Rh4 91.Re5 Ra4 92.Re1 Rh4 93.Re6 Ra4 94.Re1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
94...Rh4
½-½

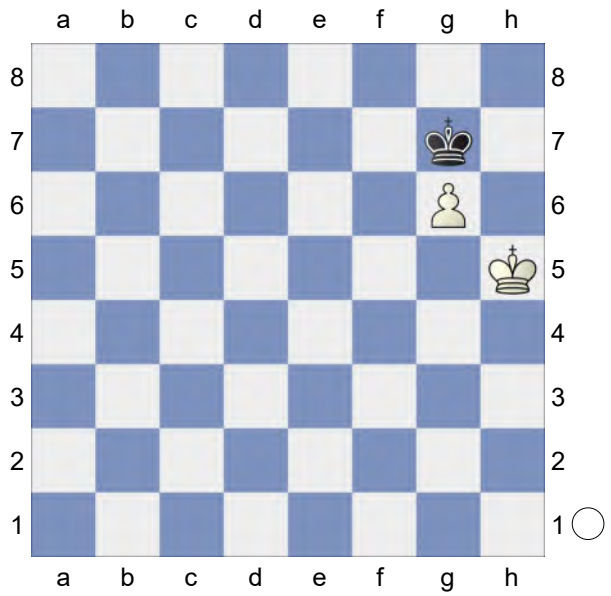
100 **E06**
□ **Nakamura,Hi** **2802**
■ **Dominguez Perez,L** **2741**
American Cup Champ (2.1) 18.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Qd3 b6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Rd1 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nf6 12.Ne5
[12.Bg5 Be4 13.Qc4 c6 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Qd5+ 16.Qxd5 cxd5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 h6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.d5 Rfd8 21.Ne3 Bc5 22.dxe6 fxe6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.g4 Ke7 25.h4 Rac8 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 ½-½ (74) Theodorou,N (2600)-Caruana,F (2805) Saint Louis Masters op 2024 (5)]
12...Bxg2 13.Kxg2 c5 14.Qf3N
[14.Nc6 Qd5+ 15.Qf3 Bd6 5) The Solid 4...Be7 with 6.N-Informational Nc6]
[14.e4 Qc7 15.Bg5 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qb7 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Qf3 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Ng4 Be7 21.d5 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 exd5 23.exd5 Rd8 24.Rd1 Bd6 25.h4 Chapter 7-Closed Catalan 6...Nbd7 2025]
14...Qd5 15.Bg5 e4! is in the air
15...Qxf3+ 16.Kxf3 Rfc8 Inhibits Nc6.
17.e4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Nd5 0.48/23
19.h4± Bxg5 20.hxg5 Nb4 21.Rd2 Rc3+! 22.Kg2 Nc6 23.Nxc6 Rxc6 Endgame KRR-KRR **24.d5 exd5 25.Rxd5 h6 26.gxh6 Rxh6 27.Rc1 Re8 28.Rc7 Rxe4 29.Rd8+ Kh7 30.Rxf7 a5 31.Rff8** Hoping for Rh8+.
31...Rc6 32.Rh8+ Kg6 33.Rd2 Repels Re2 **33...Rec4 34.Rb8 Rc2 35.Rxc2 Rxc2 36.Rxb6+=** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **36...Kf7 37.a4 Rc4 38.Ra6 Rxa4 39.f4 g5 40.fxg5 Rg4 41.Rxa5 Kg6 42.Kf3 Rxg5** 0.48/29
[42...Rb4= 0.01/30]
43.Rxg5+± Kxg5=



KP-K. White is a pawn up. **44.g4** 0.34/95
[Better is 44.Ke4!± 1.15/95]
44...Kg6 1.04/95
[44...Kh6± 0.34/95]
45.Kf4 0.67/21
[45.Ke4± 1.04/95]
45...Kf6± 46.g5+ Kg6 47.Kg4 Kg7 48.Kh5 Kh7 49.g6+! Kg7 0.92/94
[49...Kg8= 0.00/95 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

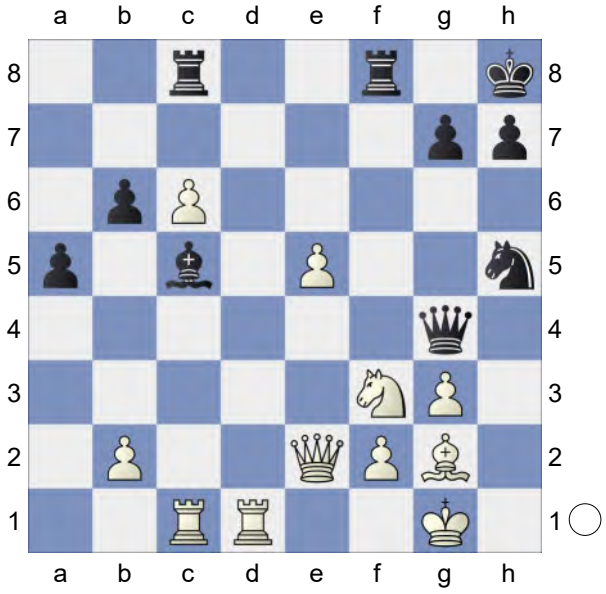


50.Kg5!± Kg8 51.Kh6 White wants to mate with g7. **51...Kh8 52.g7+ Kg8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise) **53.Kg6**
½-½

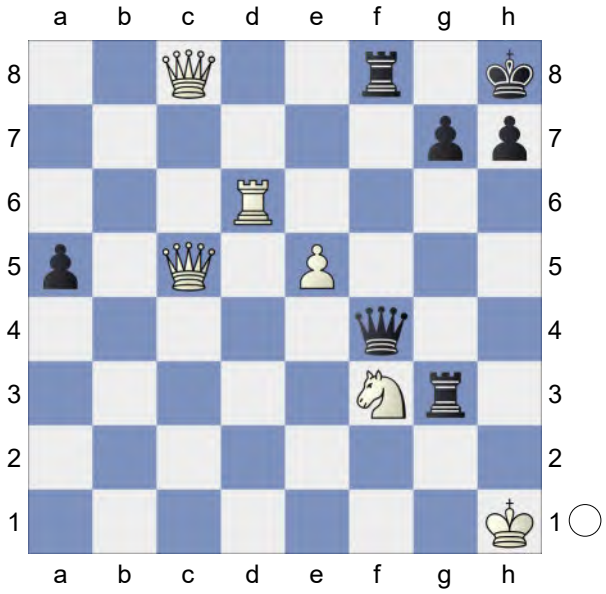
104 **D30**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2767**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2696**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Qc1N
[6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.Qc2 Nc6 *(7...Bc6 8.Bg2 dxc4 9.Bxb4 axb4 10.Qxc4 Qd6 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.0-0 Bd5 13.Qc2 Qc6 14.Qb1 Ne4 15.Rc1 Nxd2 16.Nxd2 Qd7 17.e4 Bc6 18.Qd3 Rd8 19.Nf3 Qd6 20.Qe3 Nd7 21.Bf1 Ra5 22.Bc4* 1-0 (66) Gelfand,B (2674)-Kobo,O (2548) 23rd ch-EUR Indiv 2023 (4.11)*; 7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 0-0 9.Bg2 Bc6 10.Bxb4 Bd5 11.Qc2 axb4 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.0-0 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxg2 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Kxg2 Rxa2 17.Rxa2 Qd5+ 18.Kg1 Qxa2 19.Nb3 Qa4 20.Qc4 Qa6 21.Qxc7 Qxe2 22.Qxb7* ½-½ (23) Grivas,E (2365)-Skalkotas,N (2370) Heraklion 1983*)* 8.a3 *(8.Bg2 Ne4 9.0-0 Nxd2 10.Nbxd2 a4 11.e4 Bxd2 12.exd5 exd5 13.Qxd2 0-0 14.cxd5 Ne7 15.Ne5 Bc8 16.Nd3 Nxd5 17.Rfe1 c6 18.Rac1 Nc7 19.Nc5 Ne6 20.d5 Nxc5 21.Rxc5 Be6 22.Rd1 Qb6* ½-½ (36) Firat,B (2480)-Safarli,E (2641) TUR-chT Kocaeli 2017 (3.3)*)* 8...Be7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Ne4 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Nc3 Bf5 13.Qd1 Nxc3 14.bxc3 a4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 c6 17.Re1 Bc5 18.e4 dxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Qd3 0-1 (26) Perho,A-Olander,A (1985) FIN-chT1 1011 2010 (2)]
[6.Bxb4 axb4 7.Bg2 dxc4 8.Ne5 0-0 9.Nxc4 Nc6 10.e3 Ra6 11.0-0 b5 12.Ncd2 e5 13.Qc2 Qd6 14.Nb3 exd4 15.Rd1 Bg4 16.Rd2 Qe5 17.exd4 Qh5 18.Bxc6 Bf5 19.Qd1 Rxc6 20.Qxh5 Nxh5 0-1 (32) Walter,S (2382)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2656) Bundesliga 2324 2023 (13.3)]
6...0-0 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...c6 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bf4 b6 11.Nbd2** -0.17/20
[Better is 11.Ne5± 0.39/22]
11...Ba6 0.29/21
[11...Bb7 -0.17/20]
12.Qc2 -0.58/21
[12.e4!= 0.29/21]
12...Nh5 -0.15/21
[12...Rc8∓ -0.58/21 is superior.]
13.Rac1 Rc8 14.Be3 f5 15.Qb3 Kh8 0.50/22
[15...g5= -0.01/22]
16.cxd5 -0.08/22

[16.Ne5± 0.50/22]
16...exd5= 17.Ne5 Nxe5 0.56/20
[Black should try 17...a4= -0.23/23 18.Qxa4 Nxe5 19.dxe5 *(19.Qxa6 Ra8=)* 19...Bxe2]
18.dxe5± Bxe2 0.83/27
[18...c5± 0.33/23]
19.Re1 0.10/22
[19.Bxb6± 0.83/27 Bxd1 20.Bxd8 Bxb3 21.Bxe7]
19...Bb5= and ...d4 should not be overlooked **20.a4↑** Black is under pressure. **20...d4! 21.axb5 dxe3 22.Qxe3 f4?** 4.15/18
[22...cxb5= 0.27/19 and Black is okay. 23.Rxc8 Qxc8]
23.Qe2+- fxg3 24.hxg3 Bb4 25.Red1
[25.Qxh5 Qxd2 26.Rf1 *(26.Bxc6? Qxf2+ 27.Kh1 Bxe1-+)* 26...Rxf2 27.Rxf2 Qxc1+ 28.Kh2 cxb5=]
25...Qd4 26.Nf3
[26.Rxc6? Nxg3 27.Qe1 *(27.Qe3? Qxe3 28.fxe3 Rcd8-+)* 27...Rcd8-+]
26...Qg4 27.bxc6
[27.Rxc6 Bc5±]
27...Bc5



28.Rxc5! bxc5 29.Rd6 Nxg3 30.fxg3 Qxg3 31.Qf2 Qf4 32.Qxc5
Active counter play! **32...Rb8 33.c7**
[33.Qxa5 Qe3+ 34.Kh1 *(34.Kh2 Rxb2 35.Nd2 Rc2∓)* 34...Rxf3=]
33...Rxb2 34.c8Q
[34.c8R Rb1+ 35.Kf2 Rb2+ 36.Kf1 Rb1+±]
34...Rxg2+ 35.Kh1!
[35.Kxg2 Qxf3+ 36.Kh2 Qe2+ 37.Kh3 Qf1+ 38.Kh4 Qe1+ 39.Kg4 Qe4+ 40.Kg3 Qf4+ 41.Kh3 Qf1+ 42.Kh4 Qe1+ 43.Kh5 Qe2+ 44.Kh4 Qh2+ 45.Qh3 g5+ 46.Kg4 Qf4+ 47.Kh5 Qf7+ 48.Kh6 *(48.Kxg5 Rg8+)* 48...Qg7+ 49.Kh5 Qf7+ 50.Kh6 Qg7+ 51.Kh5 Qf7+=]
35...Rg3



36.Qxf8+!! 2.62/5 **Qxf8**

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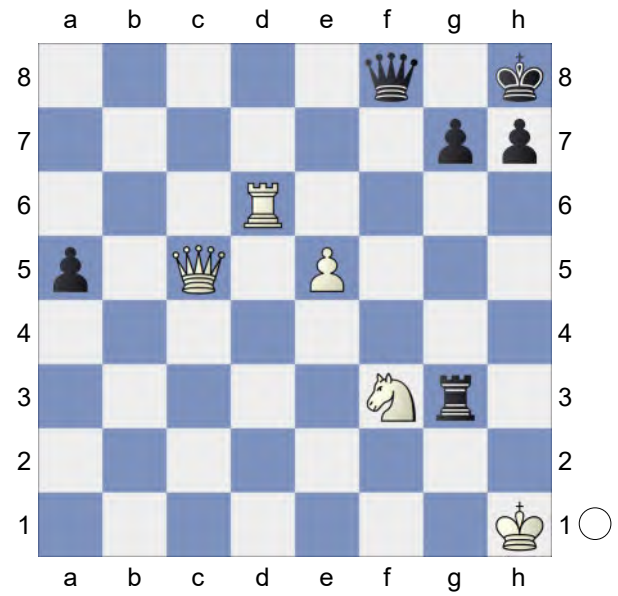

37.Rd3 -4.26/22 **Qe8??** 32.64/18
[37...Qxc5 38.Rd8+]
[37...Rh3+ 38.Kg2 Rxf3 *(38...Qxc5 39.Rd8+)* 39.Rd5∓]
[37...Rxf3-+ -4.26/22 38.Rc3 Qa8 39.Rxf3 Qxf3+ 40.Kg1 Qg3+ 41.Kf1 Qd3+ 42.Kg2 Qg6+ 43.Kh2 Qh5+ 44.Kg1 Qg5+ 45.Kh1 Qd8]
38.Kh2 6.81/19
[⌓38.e6 32.64/18 h6 39.e7 *(39.Qxa5? Qxe6 40.Rd8+ Kh7∓)* 39...Rh3+ 40.Kg2]
38...Rg4 (-> ...Qh5+) **39.e6!**
[39.Qxa5 Qh5+]
39...h6 40.Qf5 5.77/21
[40.Qxa5 Qxe6 41.Rd2 Kh7=]
[⌓40.e7 19.09/20 Rd8! would kill now. Rc4 41.Qxc4 Qxe7 42.Rd5]
40...Rb4 41.Ne5
[Less strong is 41.Qxa5 Rb2+ 42.Rd2 Rxd2+ 43.Qxd2 Qxe6±]
41...Qb8 42.Kh3 Rb5

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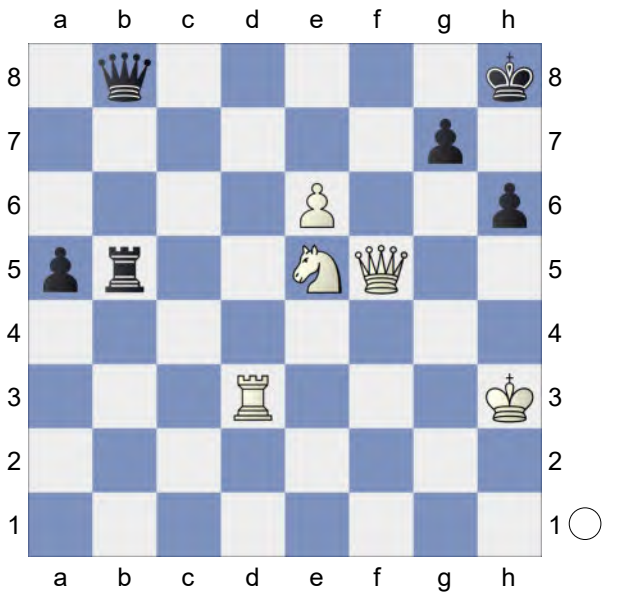


43.e7! Rb3 44.Qf8+ 13.48/5
[⌓44.Ng6+ #10/22 Kh7 45.Nf8+ Kg8 46.Qd5+ Kh8 47.Rxb3 *(47.Qxb3 Qe8)* 47...Qc8+ 48.Ne6 Qe8 49.Qf5 *(49.Qxa5 Qf7 50.Qa8+ Kh7 51.Qe4+ g6 52.Rf3 Qe8 53.Rf8 Qxe7; 49.Qd8 Qxd8 50.exd8Q+ Kh7 51.Qe7 Kg6 52.Nf8+ Kh5 53.Qh4#)*]
44...Kh7 45.Qxb8 Rxb8
Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/ Black=1.32
46.Rd8
1-0

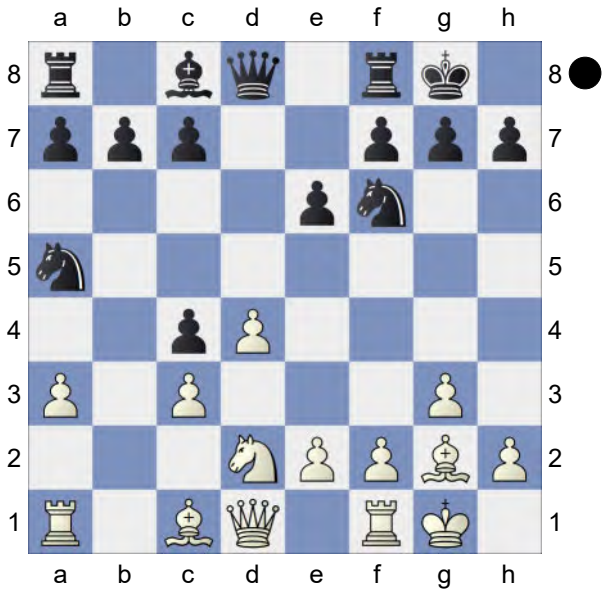
103 **E04**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2767**
■ **Nogerbek,Kazybek** **2538**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Na5
[9...Rb8 10.Bg5 b5 11.e4 h6 12.Bh4 e5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Nd7 16.f4 Re8

17.e6 fxe6 18.e5 Nxe5 19.Bd8 Nd3 20.Bxc7 Rb7 21.Bxb7 Bxb7 22.a4 bxa4 23.Rdb1 Bc6 24.Rb8 ½-½ (73) Carlsen,M (2826)-Gashimov, V (2719) 3rd Pearl Spring 2010 (10)]

10.Nd2 -0.58/19

[10.Bg5= 0.23/18]



10...c5N

[10...Nd5 11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Ne4 Nb3 13.Rb1 Ba4 14.Ng5 g6 15.e4 Nxd4 16.Qxa4 Nxc3 17.Qxc4 Nxb1 18.Be3 Nc3 19.e5 h6 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Bxh6 Re8 24.Qf4 Kh7 25.Bg5 1-0 (59) Ambartsumova,K (2405)-Dobrosmyslov,A (2280) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (8)]

11.dxc5

[11.Qc2 cxd4]

11...Qc7 Black is better. **12.a4 Rd8 13.Qc2 Bd7! 14.Ba3** -1.31/20

[14.Qa2!∓ -0.48/18]

14...Bc6 -0.20/19

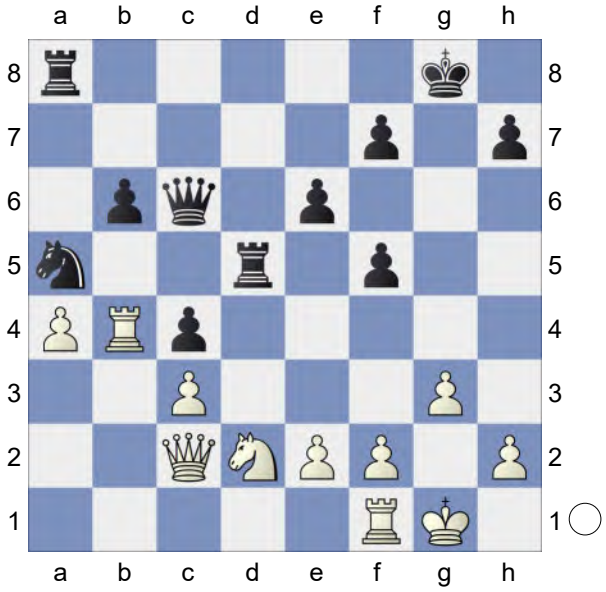
[14...Nb3!∓ -1.31/20 15.Rab1 *(15.Nxb3 Bxa4* Pin *16.Qc1 Bxb3∓)* 15...Bxa4 16.Nxc4 Nxc5]

15.Bxc6= Qxc6 16.Rab1 b6 0.16/21

[Black should try 16...Rd5∓ -0.39/22]

17.cxb6 axb6 18.Be7 Rd5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rb4 f5 0.75/20

[20...Rad8= 0.13/19 keeps the balance. 21.Nf3 Nb3]



21.e4 0.26/18

[21.Qc1!± 0.75/20]

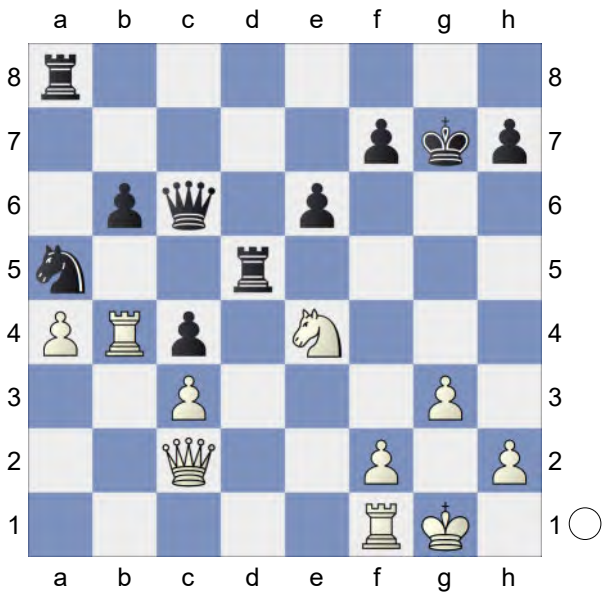
21...fxe4 1.54/21

[21...Rd3= 0.26/18]

22.Nxe4± Kg7 1.74/18

[22...Re5± 1.19/18 23.f3 f5 24.Nf6+ Kg7]

(Diagram)



Prevents Nf6. **23.Rfb1** 0.81/23
[23.h4!+- 1.74/18 is more deadly.]
23...Nb3 White must now prevent ... Re5!. **24.Qe2↑** White has strong initiative. **24...Rxa4 25.Qg4+** 0.59/21
[25.Rxa4± 1.28/24 Qxa4 26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.Nf6]
25...Kf8± 26.Rxa4 Qxa4 27.Nf6 This costs Black the game. **27...Rd2?** 5.45/24
[27...Rf5± 1.00/22 28.Nxh7+ *(28.Qg8+? Ke7∓)* 28...Ke7 29.Qh4+ *(29.Re1 Kd7±)* 29...f6]
28.Nxh7+ Ke7 29.Qg5+ Kd6 30.Qf4+ Kc6 31.Qxf7 Threatens to win with Qe8+. **31...Qa2** 5.99/24
[⌓31...Nc5 3.99/20 32.Qe8+ Kb7 33.Qxa4 Nxa4]
32.Qxe6+ White is clearly winning. **32...Kb7 33.Rf1 Nc5 34.Qf7+ Rd7 35.Qf3+ Ka7 36.Nf6 Rf7 37.Qc6 Qa4 38.Qd6 Qa3 39.Nd5 Rb7 40.h4 Qa5 41.h5 Ne4 42.Qe5 Nd2**

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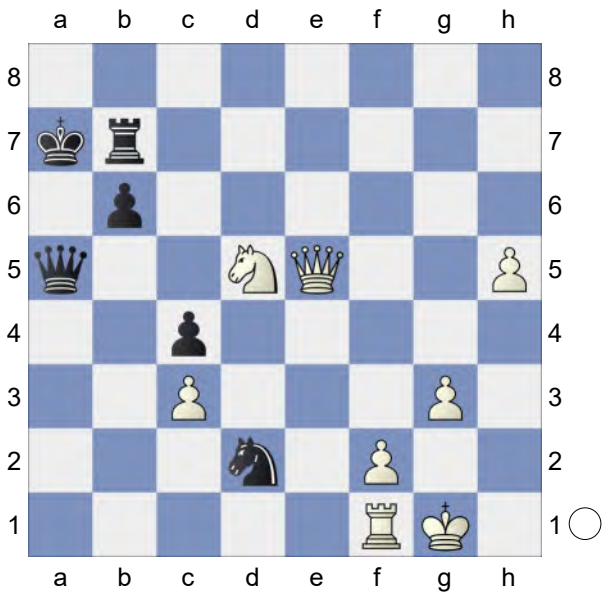

43.Qe6! Nxf1 44.Kxf1+- Endgame KQR-KQN **44...Qa1+ 45.Kg2 Qb1 46.h6 Qd3 47.g4 b5 48.g5 b4 49.Nxb4 Qxc3 50.Nc6+ Ka6 51.g6 Qd2 52.Qxc4+ Kb6 53.Qd4+ Qxd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.84
54.Nxd4
1-0

105 **E06**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2722**
Titled Tue 8th Jul Early blitz (11) 8.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Nc6 9.Qxc4 Na5 10.Qc2 Nc6N
[10...b6 11.Ne5 *(11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rd1 Bb4 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.e4 Qe7 16.Rac1 Rfd8 17.Na2 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Qc3 Rac8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.Qd2 Nb3 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.Re1 Nd2 24.Nc3 Nxf3+ 25.Bxf3 Bb4* 0-1 (62) Hamley,

R (2105)-Rustamov,R (2301) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Early blitz 2025 (7) *)* 11...Bb7 12.Bxb7 Nxb7 13.Nc6 Qe8 14.Rd1 *(14.e4 Bc5 15.dxc5 Qxc6 16.e5 Nd5 17.b3 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Ba3 Nxb3 20.Ra2 Rfd8 21.Rb2 Nd4 22.Nd2 a5 23.Kg2 Nc3 24.Rc2 Nxc2* ½-½ Anand,V (2817)-Nakamura,H (2774) Amber-rapid 20th 2011 (7)*)* 14...Bc5 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Nd2 c5 17.Ndc4 Bc7 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.e4 h6 20.Be3 Rc8 21.f3 Bxe5 22.Nxe5 Qe7 23.Nc4 Nd5 24.exd5 exd5 25.Rxd5 1-0 Wang,P (2332)-B6 (2134) FIDE Disabilities Olym 2023 (3)]

11.Rd1 Nb4 White has an edge. **12.Qb3 Qd5** Inhibits Ne5. **13.Nbd2** -0.01/19

[13.Qa3± 0.37/18]

13...Rb8 0.82/17

[13...Qxb3= -0.01/19 14.Nxb3 Nc2]

14.Ne5± Qxb3 15.Nxb3 Rd8 16.Bf4 White is more active. **16...Nfd5 17.Bd2 Nc6** 1.53/17

[17...f6± 0.70/16]

18.Nxc6 Remove Defender **18...bxc6 19.Na5 Bd7 20.b3 c5** 1.98/20

[20...Be8± 1.46/16 21.Rdc1 h5]

21.dxc5 1.11/18

[21.e4+- 1.98/20 Nb4 22.dxc5]

21...Bxc5

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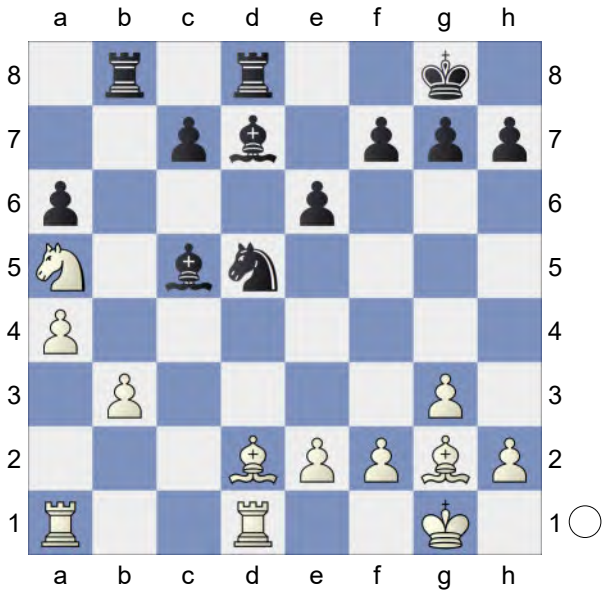

22.Rac1 0.73/19

[22.e4! 1.34/18 Nf6 23.e5]

22...Ba3 23.Rc4 Be8 24.Be1 0.25/17

[24.Rc2± 0.63/16]

24...Nb6!= 25.Rcd4

[25.Rxd8? Rxd8 26.Rxc7 Rd1-+]

25...Rxd4 26.Rxd4 c5 27.Rd3 Bb2 1.07/17

[27...c4!= 0.14/20 keeps the balance. 28.bxc4 *(28.Nxc4 Nxc4 29.bxc4 Rb1=)* 28...Bf8]

28.Bc6 Kf8 29.Bd2↑ aiming for Bb7. White has some pressure. **29...Be5** 1.16/19

[29...Bf6± 0.65/20]

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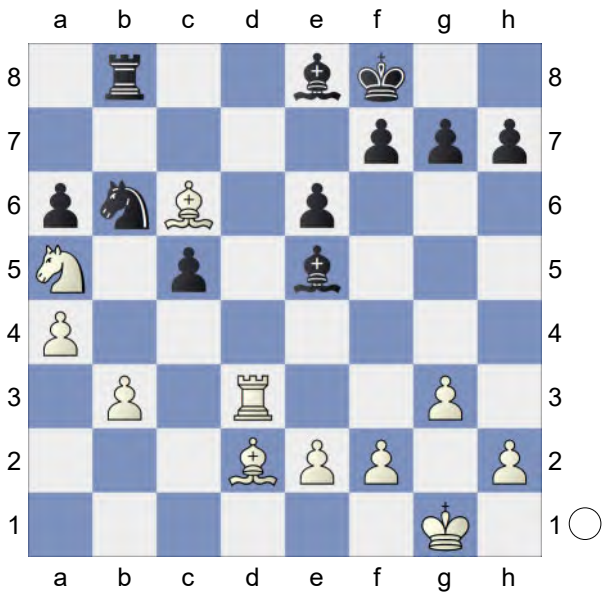

30.Be3 0.46/19
[Better is 30.Bxe8!± 1.16/19 Rxe8 31.Nb7]
30...Bd4? 3.92/22 **31.Bxd4+- cxd4 32.Rxd4 Ke7?** 5.18/23
[32...Bxc6 3.09/19 was necessary. 33.Nxc6 Rc8]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.52
33.Rb4
1-0

106 **E04**
□ **Wei Yi** **2758**
■ **Bu Xiangzhi** **2684**
15th Nat Games Tm Prelim rapid (6.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8 10.Nc3 a6 11.Ne5

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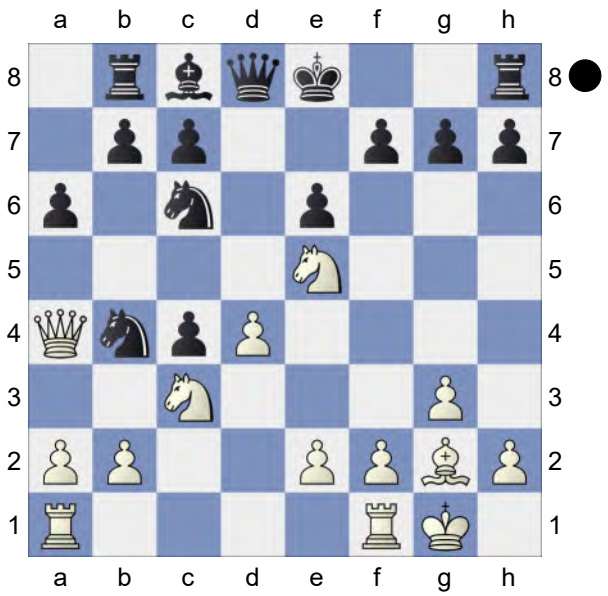
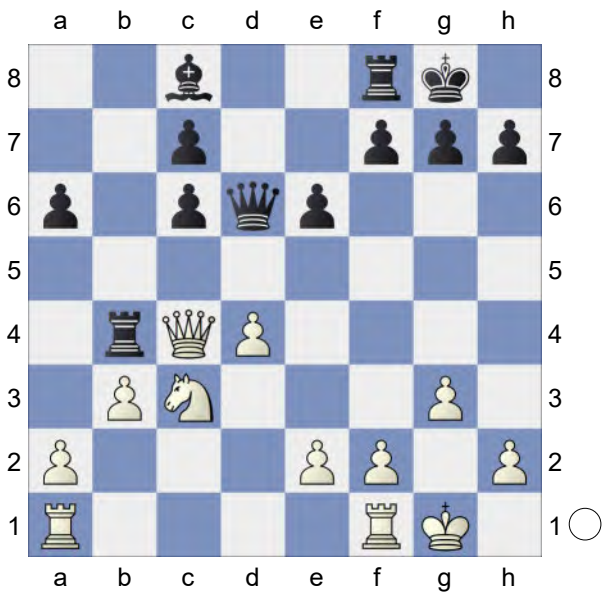


Strongly threatening a3. **11...0-0!** and ...b5 would now be decisive **12.Nxc6 Nxc6 13.Bxc6 bxc6** White has an edge. **14.Qxc4 Qd6 15.b3 Rb4**



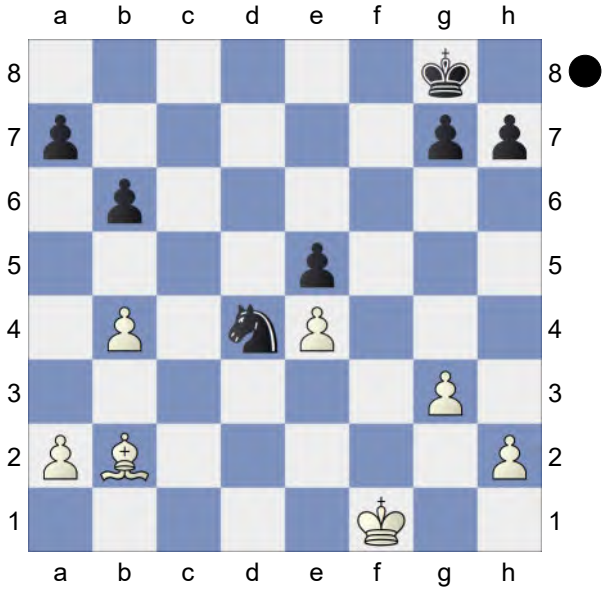
16.Ne4! Qxd4
[16...Rxc4 17.Nxd6 Rxd4 18.Nc4 e5 19.Rfc1 f6 20.Kf1 Rd5 21.Ke1 Be6 22.Rc2 Rc5 23.Rac1 Rd8 24.Nd2 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 Rd6 26.Ne4 Bf5 27.Nxd6 Bxc2 28.Ne8 a5 29.Kd2 Bf5 30.Nxc7 Kf7 31.Na6 Ke7 32.Nc5 1-0 (80) Sjugirov,S (2712)-Vokhidov,S (2601) Chessable Masters

Play In rapid 2023 (9)]
17.Qxd4 Rxd4 18.f3 f5N
[18...Rfd8 19.Rfc1 e5 20.Rc5 f6 21.Kf2 Bf5 22.Nc3 R4d6 23.g4 Bd7 24.Rc1 h6 25.Ra5 Bc8 26.Ke3 Rd2 27.h4 Kf7 28.Ne4 R2d5 29.Rxd5 cxd5 30.Rxc7+ Ke6 31.Ng3 Bd7 32.Ra7 Kd6 33.Rxa6+ 1-0 (44) Heckmann,T (1704)-Hueser,U (1671) corr OS-460 BDF 2021 Kc7 34.b4 d4+ 35.Kd2 Bb5 36.Ra5 Bc6 37.a4 d3 38.Rc5 dxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Kb7 40.b5 Be8 41.a5 Bg6 42.Nf5 Bxf5 43.gxf5 Rd4 44.Rc6 1-0 Holzklau,I (1704)-Boiko,V (1671) corr FRA-USA 2010]
19.Nc5 White has compensation.
19...Rfd8 20.Kf2 g5 21.Nd3 a5 22.Rac1 Ba6 23.Nc5 Bc8 24.Rc2 Kg7 25.Rfc1 Kf6 26.Nd3 Ba6 27.Nc5 Bc8
[27...Bb5? 28.a4+-]
28.Ke1 h5 29.Rc4 Ke7 30.Ra4 Rxa4 31.Nxa4= Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **31...Bb7** 1.03/27
[31...Rd4= 0.20/28]
32.Nc5 0.17/26
[32.Rc5± 1.03/27]
32...Bc8 33.Nd3 0.01/26
[33.Rc4± 0.38/26]
33...Bb7 The position is equal. **34.Ne5 Rd5 35.Nxc6+ Kd7 36.e4 fxe4 37.fxe4 Rb5 38.a4! Rxb3 39.Nxa5 Rb2**
[But not 39...Re3+? 40.Kd2 Rf3 41.Nxb7+-]
40.Nxb7 Rxb7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
41.Rc5
½-½

108 **E06**
□ **Giri,A** **2748**
■ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2697**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (9.4) 13.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Ne5 c5 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1 Bxc5 10.0-0 Nd5 Against Be3 **11.Nxc4 Nc6 12.Nc3**
[12.Bd2 Bd7 *(12...Rd8 13.Rc1 b6 14.Nde3 Ba6 15.Rfe1 Rac8 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Ne3 Nd4 18.Kf1 Bb7 19.b4 Bf8 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Rc2 23.Be3 Nf5 24.Ra1 Nxe3+ 25.Nxe3 Rb2 26.a3 Rb3 27.Nf5* 1-0 (84) Koralek (2339)-Mouradian,K (2448) 148/10 Belgrad 2021 (2) *)* 13.Rc1 Rfc8 14.Re1 f6 15.Nc3 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 e5 17.Na5 Nxa5 18.Bxa5 Rab8 19.Bd5+ Kf8 20.Rxc5 Rxc5 21.Bb4 b6 22.Rc1 Rbc8 23.Bxc5+ Rxc5 24.Rxc5 bxc5 25.Kf1 Ke7 26.Ke1 Kd6 ½-½ (32) Jimenez Fraga,P (2693)-10.Ba3 b6 11.ba5 Nh5 (2753) C1-2001-0-00349 (2.6)]
12...Rd8 The position is equal. **13.Re1 b6N**
[13...Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd7 9) QGD 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 - Side-QGD 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.g3]
14.Ne3 -0.15/19
[14.Bg5± 0.33/20 f6 15.Be3]
14...Bxe3 0.61/19
[Better is 14...Nde7= -0.15/19]
15.Bxe3± Nce7 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bd2 Bb7 18.e4 Nf6 19.Bf4 Nd7 20.b4 Against Nc5 **20...Nf8** 0.75/20
[20...e5± 0.34/20 21.Bg5 Re8]
21.Be3 0.35/21 White is more active.
[21.a4± 0.75/20]

21...Rac8 22.Rec1 e5 23.Rxc8 0.17/20
[23.f3!± 0.56/21 might be stronger.]
23...Rxc8= 24.Rc1 Rxc1+ 25.Bxc1 Endgame KBB-KBN **25...Bc6 26.f3 Bb5 27.Kf2 f6 28.f4 Ne6 29.fxe5 fxe5 30.Bb2 Nd4 31.Bf1 Bxf1 32.Kxf1**



KB-KN This move loses the game for Black. **32...Nc2** 5.92/27
[32...Nf3!± 0.32/23]
33.b5+- White is clearly winning.
33...Ne3+ 34.Ke2 Nc4 35.Bc3 Na3 36.Bxe5 Nxb5 37.Kd3 a6 38.Bd4 Kf7 39.Bxb6 Ke6 40.a4 Nd6 41.Kd4 Nf7 42.Bc7 h5 43.h4 Kd7 44.Be5 g5 45.Kd5 gxh4 46.gxh4 Nd8 47.Kc5 Nc6 48.Bf4 Na5 49.Kb6 Nc4+ 50.Kxa6

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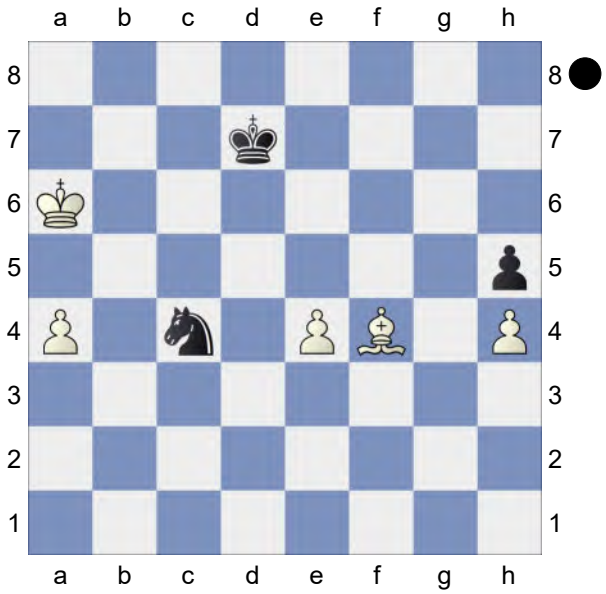

and Kb5 would now be decisive **50...Kc6 51.e5 Nb6 52.Ka5 Nd5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.43
53.Bg5
1-0

107 **E10**
□ **Giri,A** **2748**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2025 (4.2) 5.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.b3 dxc4 8.bxc4 e5 White is slightly better. **9.c5 Be7 10.dxe5 Qxd1! 11.Rxd1 Ne4** Prevents Nc3. **12.Ba3 Bxc5 13.e3N** Black must now prevent Nd4.
[13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.Nc3 Be6 *(14...Rb8 15.Nd5 Ne6 16.Rd2 Rd8 17.Rad1 Kf8 18.h4 h6 19.Kf1 Na5 20.Ke1 Nc4 21.Rc2 b5 22.Nd2 Nd4 23.Rc3 Nxe5 24.Nxc7 Bg4 25.f3 Bf5 26.Rdc1 b4 27.Rc5 f6 28.g4 Bd7 29.Rd5* ½-½ (63) Lamard,G

(2526)-Oleksienko,M (2592) Aix en Provence Imaweb 1st 2023 (8)) 15.Rac1 Rad8 16.Rxd8 Rxd8 17.Nb5 b6 18.Ng5 Nxe5 19.Nxe6 Nxe6 20.Nxa7 Rd2 21.Nb5 c5 22.Nc3 g5 23.h3 Kg7 24.Bf1 h5 25.Rb1 Rc2 26.Nd5 Rxa2 27.Nxb6 Nd4 ½-½ (140) Makarian,R (2545)-Bluebaum,M (2669) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Early blitz 2023 (7) 28.Rc1 Rxe2 29.Rxc5 Re1 30.Kg2 g4 31.hxg4 hxg4 32.Nc4 Nxc4 33.Rxc4 Rd1 34.Ra4 f5 35.Ra7+ Kf6 36.Ra6+ Kg5 37.Ra5 Nf3 38.Ra8 Ne1+ 39.Kg1 Nf3+ 40.Kg2 Rd2 41.Rg8+ Kf6 42.Rf8+ Kg6 ½-½ (140) Mecelica,E (2545)-Mladenov,P (2669) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (7)]

13...Be6 14.Rc1 Rfd8 15.Ne1!

[15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Ng5 *(16.Rxc5 Rd1+ 17.Bf1 Bh3∓)* 16...Nd3 17.Nxe6 fxe6=]

[15.Rxc5? Rd1+ 16.Bf1 Nxc5-+]

15...Bxa3 16.Nxa3 Ng5 17.Nb5 -0.01/19

[17.f4± 0.70/19 Nh3+ 18.Kf1]

17...Nh3+!= 18.Bxh3 Bxh3 19.Nxc7 Rac8 20.Nb5 White is weak on the light squares **20...Nxe5 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Nxa7 Rc5**

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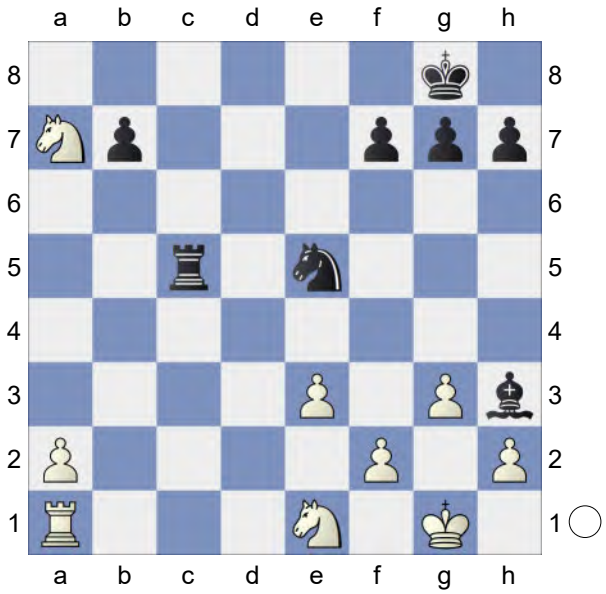

23.a4 Rd5 24.f4 -0.31/23

[24.Nb5= 0.15/20]

24...Ng4∓ Black has compensation. **25.Nf3** Prevents Rd2. **25...h6** Repels Ng5 **26.Nb5 Rd3 27.Re1** -0.63/22

[27.Ne5= -0.20/22 Nxe5 *(27...Rxe3 28.Nxg4 Bxg4 29.Nd6∓)* 28.fxe5]

27...f6!

[27...Nxe3 28.Ne5 Rb3 29.Nd6=]

28.Nbd4 -1.01/24

[White should try 28.Re2∓ -0.46/21]

28...Nxe3∓ 29.a5 Ng4 Black is more active. **30.Rb1**

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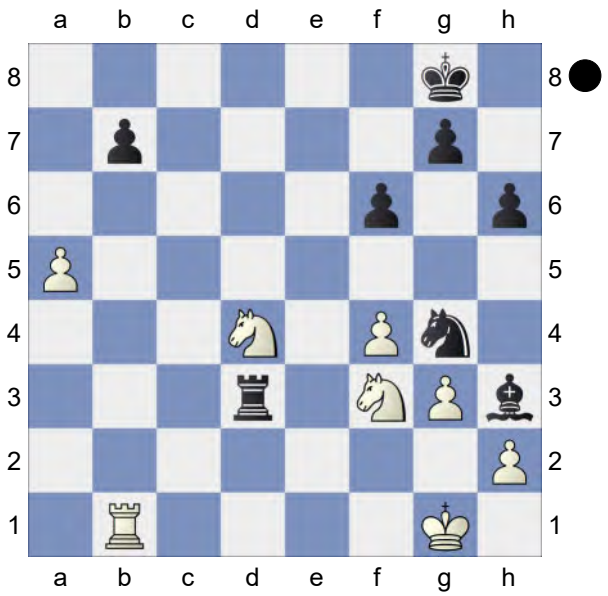

Ra3 -0.11/20
[Black should play 30...g6!∓ -1.16/21 31.Ra1 Kf8]
31.Ne1= Rxa5 32.Rxb7 Ra2 33.Ndc2 Ra8 34.Re7 Rd8 35.Ne3 Kf8 36.Re4 f5 37.Nxf5 Rd2 aiming for ...Rf2!.
38.Nh4 Rf2
[Don't play 38...Rxh2?! 39.Ng6+ Kf7 *(39...Kg8? 40.f5+-)* 40.Ne5+ Nxe5 41.Kxh2 Ng4+ 42.Kg1± *(42.Kxh3 Nf2+ 43.Kh4 Nxe4=)*]
39.Nhg2 Ra2 40.Rd4? -4.63/20
[40.f5= -0.01/21 and White stays safe.]
40...Bxg2-+ 41.f5 -8.72/23
[⌓41.Nxg2 -4.00/23 Ra1+ 42.Ne1 Rxe1+ 43.Kg2]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
41...Bh3
0-1

110 **E04**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2742**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2776**
Esports World Cup 2025 blitz (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bd7 6.Ne5 Bc6 7.Nxc6 Nxc6 8.Qa4 0.04/20
[8.0-0± 0.58/21]
8...Qd7= 9.Qxc4 Nd5N 0.75/19
[9...Nxd4= -0.04/19 keeps the balance. 10.0-0 *(10.Bxb7 Rb8 11.Bg2 Bb4+ 12.Nd2 0-0 13.e3 Nf5 14.Qe2 Rfd8 15.0-0 Bxd2 16.Rd1 Qb5 17.Qxb5 Rxb5 18.b3 Rbd5 19.Bxd5 Bc3* Naskov,A (2370)-Puccini,J (2586) Vulca - Trud 38/766 1984*; 10.e3 Nc6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Rd1 Rfd8 14.Qb3 Rab8* The Catalan 5... Bd7 41-N,N On the way to the Queen's Gambit Declin*)* 10...c5 11.Nc3 Rd8 12.Bg5 b5 13.Qd3 c4 14.Qd1 b4 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Ne4 Be7 17.e3 f5 18.Nd2 Ne2+ ½-½ Martens,M (2535)-Martinovic,S (2520) USCF Absolute corres 1985]
10.e3± h5 White is slightly better. **11.h4 0-0-0 12.Nc3 f5 13.Bd2 Kb8 14.Rc1 Be7 15.Na4** 0.01/17
[15.f4± 0.77/17]
15...e5= 16.Bxd5 -0.80/19
[16.a3= 0.05/17]
16...Qxd5∓ 17.Qxd5 Rxd5 18.Nc3 Rd7 19.dxe5! Nxe5 20.Ke2

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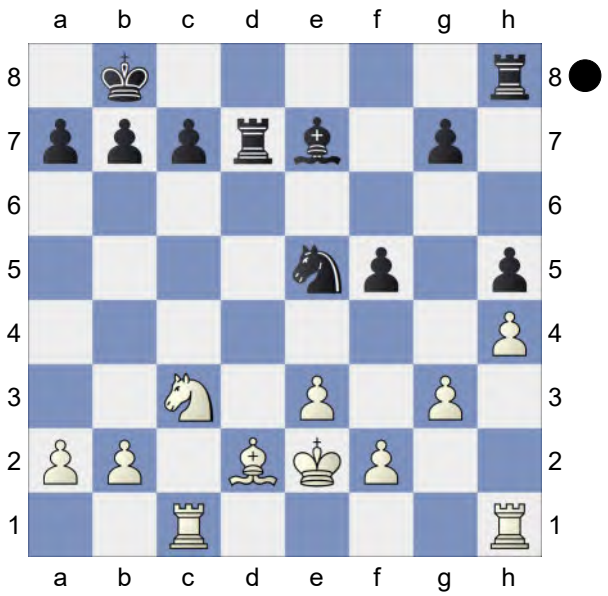

Bf6 -0.26/21 Black is much more active.
[20...Nd3!∓ -0.82/21 White must now prevent ...Rhd8!. 21.Rc2 Bf6]
21.Rc2 Nd3! 22.Na4 Rhd8 23.Bc3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 c5 25.c4 -0.78/25
[25.Rb1∓ -0.40/20]
25...b6 This move loses the game for White. **26.Rb1** -4.64/24
[26.a3∓ -0.54/25]
26...Nb4-+ 27.Rcb2 Rd3 28.Rc1 -5.77/24
[⌓28.Kf3 -3.72/22 Ra3 29.Nxc5 bxc5 30.Kf4]
28...Ra3! Black is clearly winning.
29.Nc3 Nd3 Deflection, Double Attack
30.Rd1 Rxc3 31.Rbd2

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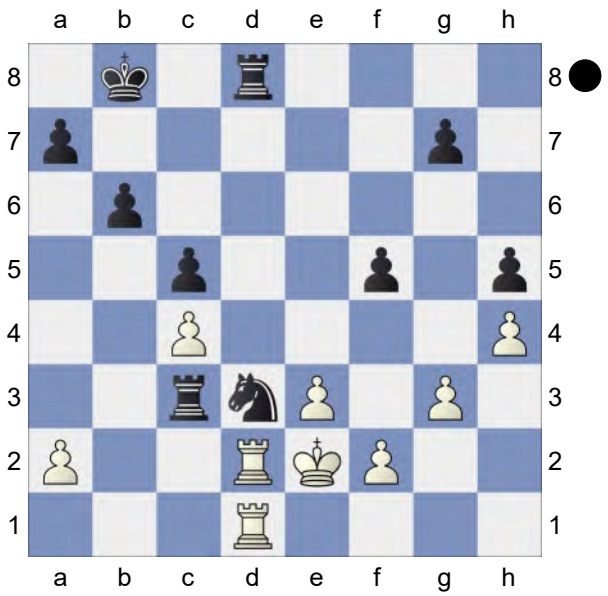
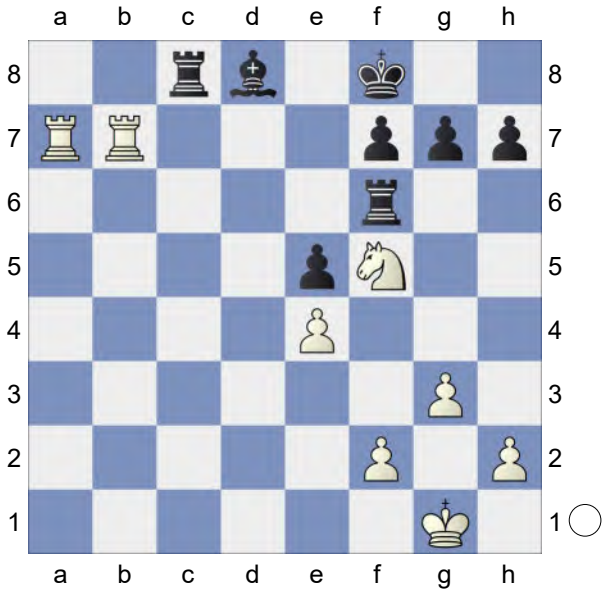


Rxc4! 32.Rxd3 Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **32...Rc2+ 33.Kf3 Rxd3 34.Rxd3 Rxa2** KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **35.Rd5 c4 36.Rxf5 c3 37.Rf4 c2 38.Rc4 b5 39.Rc5 b4 40.Ke4 b3 41.Kd3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/ Black=0.08 (flawless)
41...Ra1
0-1

109 **E06**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2742**
■ **Sarana,A** **2691**
Titled Tue 19th Aug Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

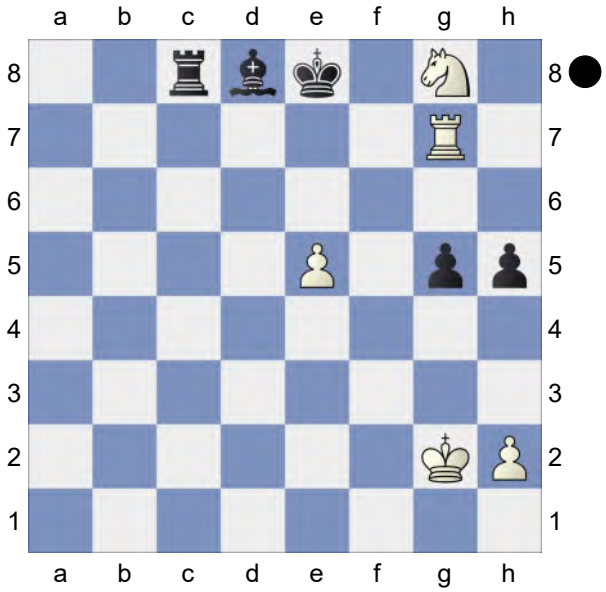
E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 b6 0.59/18
[8...Nc6= 0.21/19]
9.Ne5!± Discovered Attack **9...Ra7 10.Rd1**
[10.Nxc4 Bb7=]
10...Bb7 11.Bxb7 0.06/17
[11.Qxc4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Re8=]

[11.e4± 0.63/18]
11...Rxb7= 12.Nxc4 -0.20/18
[⌓12.Qxc4 0.16/20 c5 13.Nc3]
12...Nc6 13.e3 -0.42/17
[13.Be3= -0.05/18]
13...b5N
[13...Qd5 14.b3 *(14.Qe2 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Na5 Nxa5 17.Rxa5 Bb4 18.Ra6 Ne4 19.f3 Nd6 20.e4 Qb3 21.Qd3 Qxd3 22.Rxd3 Rd8 23.Kf1 Nc4 24.Ke2 h6 25.b3 Nb6 26.Ba3 Bf8 27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Nc3 Nd7* 0-1 (74) Sjugirov,S (2649)-Sarana,A (2679) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late blitz 2024 (6)) 14...b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Nc3 Qh5 17.Nd2 Nb4 18.Qb1 Nbd5 19.Bb2 Nxc3 20.Bxc3 b4 21.Bb2 Ng4 22.Nf1 Rb5 23.e4 Qh6 24.f3 Ne3 25.Bc1 Bg5 26.Bxe3 Bxe3+ 27.Kg2 Bg5 28.Qd3 1-0 (54) Sjugirov,S (2631)-Sarana,A (2689) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (9)]
14.axb5 axb5 15.Ne5 -0.62/22
[15.Ncd2= -0.14/20 Nb4 16.Qb3]
15...Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.b4 -1.66/21
Qc8!-+ 18.Bb2 -2.41/18
[18.Qb3∓ -1.40/20]
18...c5? -0.18/19
[18...Bxb4-+ -2.41/18 ...c5 is the strong threat. 19.Qc6 Rd8]
19.bxc5 Nxc5 20.Nd2 b4 0.19/21
[20...Qb8!∓ -0.60/19]
21.Bd4 -0.40/18
[21.Nc4= 0.19/21]
21...b3 0.15/21
[21...Rc7!∓ -0.40/18]
22.Qc4
[22.Qb1 Qb8∓]
22...Nd7 23.Rdb1 Qxc4 24.Nxc4 Rc8 0.46/24
[24...Bc5= 0.01/21]
25.Na5± Rb5 26.Rxb3 Rd5 0.76/22
[26...Bb4± 0.37/21 27.Ra4 Rxa5 28.Rbxb4 *(28.Raxb4 h5±)* 28...Rxa4 29.Rxa4 g5]
27.Rb7 0.34/19
[White should play 27.Ra4± 0.76/22]
27...Bd8 1.67/24
[27...Bf8± 0.34/19]
28.Nb3+- Nxe5 29.Bxe5 Rxe5 30.Raa7 Rf5 31.Nd4 0.72/22
[31.Nd2!+- 1.69/20 is more deadly.]
31...Rf6 1.32/21
[⌓31...Ra5 0.72/22]
32.e4 White is more active. **32...e5**
33.Nf5 Kf8 1.77/21
[33...h6± 1.36/24 34.Kh1 Kh8]



34.Kg2 1.06/20
[34.Rd7!+- 1.77/21]
34...h5 1.64/24
[34...Bb6± 1.06/20 was worth a try.]
35.Rd7 Bb6 36.Rab7 Bc5? 8.52/21
[36...g6± 0.86/20 37.Rd6 Rxd6 Remove Defender 38.Nxd6 Rc6 39.Nxf7 *(39.Rxf7+ Kg8±)* 39...Rc7 40.Rxc7 *(40.Rxb6 Kxf7 41.Rb5 Kf6±)* 40...Bxc7]
37.f4 3.60/22

[⌓37.Rbc7 8.52/21 Rb8 38.Rxc5]
37...exf4 38.gxf4? 0.01/21
[38.Rbc7+- 5.00/21 Ra8 *(38...f3+? 39.Kf1+-)* 39.Rxc5]
38...g6= 39.Nh6 Black must now prevent Kf3. **39...Rxf4 40.Rxf7+ Rxf7 41.Rxf7+** Endgame KRB-KRN **41...Ke8 42.Rb7 Be7 43.Ng8 Bd8 44.Rg7 g5 45.e5?** -5.04/20
[45.Nh6= -0.11/18 and White is okay.]



45...Rc5? 0.01/18
[45...Kf8!-+ -5.04/20 46.Rd7 Kxg8]
46.e6 Re5

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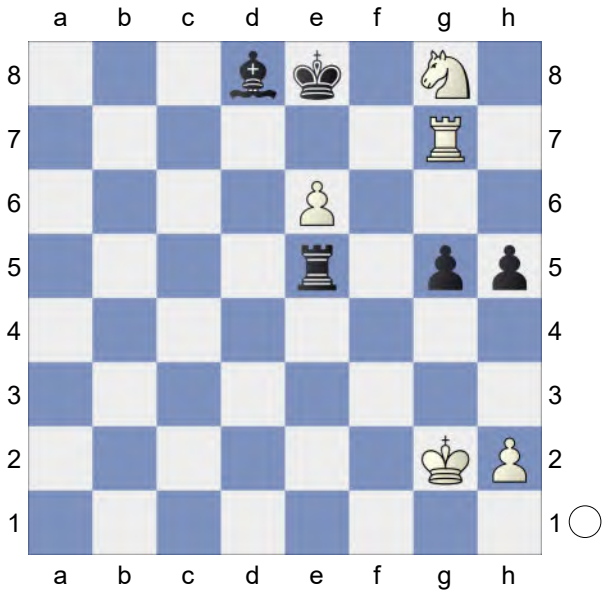


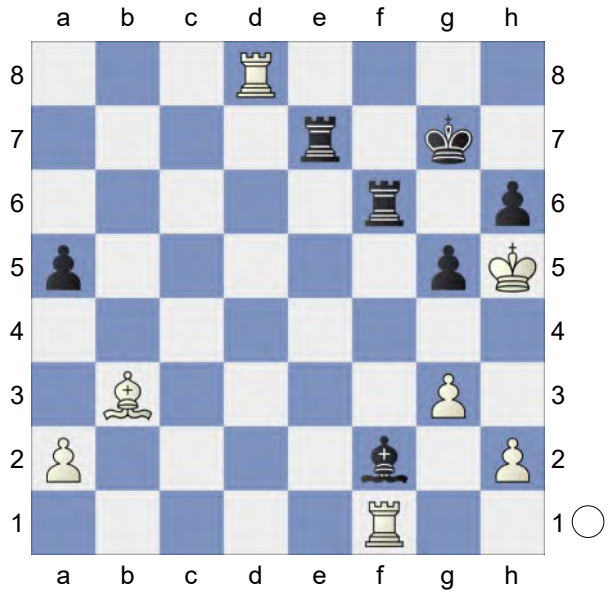
47.e7! Bxe7 48.Nxe7 Rxe7 49.Rxg5 KR-KR **49...h4 50.Kh3 Kf8 51.Kxh4 Rh7+ 52.Kg3 Rg7** Black has compensation. **53.h4** -0.29/29
[53.Rxg7 0.14/29 is more appropriate. Kxg7 54.h4]
53...Kg8 54.Kg4 Kh7 55.Kh5 Rf7 56.Re5 Rg7 57.Re6 Kh8 58.Rh6+ Rh7 0.64/43
[58...Kg8= 0.01/36]
59.Kg6!± Rxh6+ 60.Kxh6 Kg8 61.h5 Kh8 62.Kg6 Kg8 63.h6 Kh8 What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.53
64.h7
½-½

113 **E10**
□ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2739**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2757**
Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (9.4) 29.04.25
[Kitty Kat]

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6

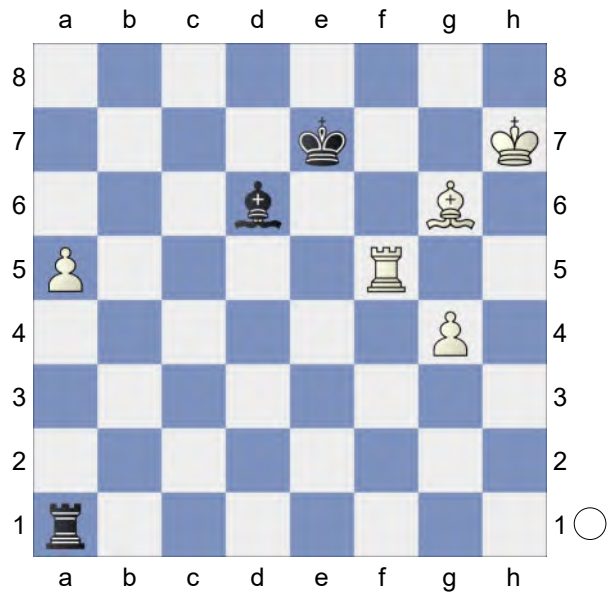
8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 a5 10.Rd1 h6 11.Nc3
[11.b3 b6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Nc3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Nb5 g5 17.Be3 Nxe5 18.Qc7 Qxc7 19.Nxc7 Rac8 20.Bxb6 Bd8 21.Rac1 Nc6 22.Bc5 Rxc7 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Rc5 Be7 25.Rc2 Rd7 0-1 (37) Dgebuadze,A (2417)-Ochtman,H (2084) Delft OGD Rapid op 24th 2025 (1)]
11...dxc4 12.Nd2! Nb6! 13.e4 Prevents Nfd5 **13...g5N** 0.53/22
[13...a4= 0.13/19 14.a3 Bd7 15.Nf3 *(15.Re1 Qc8 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.h3 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.Nxd5 Nfxd5 20.exd5 Bf8 21.g4 h5 22.Re5 hxg4 23.Be4 Bd6 24.Bh7+ Kf8 25.Ne4 Bxe5 26.Bxe5 Bf5 27.Qc3 f6 28.Bxf6 Bxh7 29.Bxg7+ Kg8* ½-½ (40) Pechac,J (2598)-Keymer,V (2675) 4th Prague Challengers 2022 (3.1)*; 15.h3 Qc8 16.g4 Rd8 17.Nf1 Be8 18.Ne3 Nfd7 19.Bg3 c5 20.d5 Bf6 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Rd6 Bf7 23.e5 Be7 24.Rd2 Nb8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Bxb7 Ra7 27.Rd1 Qe8 28.Be4 Rd7 29.Rxd7 Qxd7* 1-0 (37) Yakubboev,N (2666)-Gorshtein,I (2543) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (6.5) *)* 15...c5 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Re8 18.Ne5 Bf8 19.h4 Nc8 20.d6 Nxd6 21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.Nd5 Ra6 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.Rd5 Qg4 25.Rxc5 Re2 26.Qd1 Ne4 27.Bxe4 Bxc5 28.Qd8+ Bf8 (34) Chapter 9 - 4...Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be-7...Nbd7 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bf4 9...a5 2023]
14.Be3± Ng4 15.Nf1! f5 1.00/21
[15...Nxe3± 0.47/21 16.Nxe3 Bd7]
16.exf5
[16.d5 feels hotter. f4 17.e5 fxe3 18.Qg6+]
16...exf5 2.20/21
[16...Nd5± 0.71/21]
17.d5+- Nxe3 2.22/22
[17...Nxd5± 1.57/20 18.Nxd5 cxd5]
18.Nxe3 Qe8 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Na4 Nxa4 21.Qxa4
[21.Qxc4+ Qf7 22.Qxc6 *(22.Qxa4 f4∓)* 22...Ra6 *(22...Nxb2? 23.Bd5+-* Pin *)* 23.Qxa4 f4±]
21...Rb8 22.Bxc6 Qg6 23.Qxc4+ 1.23/18
[23.Rac1+- 1.91/21]
23...Kg7? 4.11/21 Black is weak on the light squares
[23...Kh8± 1.23/18]
24.Qd4+ Qf6 25.Qa7 Be6 26.Bd5? 0.42/20
[26.Qxa5 f4 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.Qxd5 *(28.Bxd5 fxg3 29.Qa7 gxf2+ 30.Kf1 Rxb2-+)* 28...fxg3 29.fxg3 Qf2+ 30.Kh1 Rxb2-+]
[26.Nd5+- 3.77/20 Bxd5 27.Bxd5]
26...f4± 27.Bxe6 0.06/22
[27.Nc4± 0.68/22]
27...fxe3= 28.Qxe3 Rxb2 29.Rf1 Rc2 0.54/23
[29...Bd8= 0.08/23 30.Rad1 Bb6 31.Rd7+ Kh8]
30.Rad1± Rc6? 2.26/22
[Black should play 30...Bc5!± 0.32/23 31.Rd7+ Kh8]
31.Bb3 1.28/22
[31.Bg4+- 2.26/22]
31...Rc7± Against Rd7 **32.Rd5** Against Bc5 **32...Bb4 33.Qd3** 1.21/22
[33.Kg2+- 1.67/22]
33...Kh8 1.59/19
[⌓33...Qc3 1.21/22 34.Qd1 Re7]
34.Qd4 0.34/24
[34.Bd1± 1.59/19]
34...Qxd4 35.Rxd4 Re7 36.Kg2 Re2 37.Rd5 Be1 38.Kh3 Bxf2 0.53/23
[38...Rfxf2= 0.13/23 39.Rxf2 Rxf2]

39.Kg4 0.10/21
[39.Rxa5± 0.53/23 Bc5 40.Rxf8+ Bxf8 41.a4]
39...Rf6? 6.25/22
[39...a4= 0.10/21 40.Bd1 Rxa2]
40.Rd8++-
[40.Rxa5 Kg7±]
40...Kg7 41.Kh5? 0.50/21
[41.Rc1+- 6.73/28 h5+ 42.Kxh5]
41...Re7 1.85/22
[41...Re1!± 0.50/21 42.Rg8+ Kh7 43.Rxe1 Bxe1]



42.Rfd1 0.69/22
[Better is 42.Rg8+!+- 1.85/22 Kh7 43.Rc8]
42...g4? 5.02/21 **43.Rg8+**
[43.Kxg4 a4±]
43...Kh7 44.Rxg4 0.39/21
[44.Rdd8!+- 4.93/20 Rf5+ 45.Kh4 *(45.Kxg4 Rg5+ 46.Kf3 Rf5+ 47.Kg2 Be1+-)*]
44...Rc6? 3.48/23
[44...Re5+± 0.39/21 45.Kh4 Bc5]
45.Bg8+ 1.47/5
[45.Rd8+- 3.48/23 Bb6 46.Rf8 Re5+ 47.Kh4]
45...Kh8± 46.Bd5? 0.14/26
[46.Rd5?! Rc2±]
[46.Rd8+- 1.97/23 Intending Bc4+ and mate. Re5+ 47.Kh4]
46...Rd6 ...Re5+ would now be deadly.
47.Kh4
[47.Rg8+ Kh7 48.Rf8 Bxg3∓]
47...Red7 48.Rg8+ Kh7 49.Rf8! Be3
[49...Rxd5 simplifies 50.Rxd5 Bxg3+ 51.hxg3 Rxd5 52.Ra8 Kg6]
50.Be4+ Kg7 51.Rxd6 Rxd6= Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **52.Rf3 Bg5+ 53.Kh5 Rd2 54.h4 Bf6 55.a3** 0.11/20
[55.Ra3± 0.49/21]
55...Rd4 56.Bf5 Be5 0.62/22
[56...a4= 0.15/26 should be considered.]
57.g4 Bf6 1.88/25
[57...a4!± 0.47/22]
58.Rb3+- Rd6 3.43/26
[⌓58...Rd5 2.10/22 59.Rb7+ Kf8]
59.Rb7+ Kf8 60.Ra7? 1.11/23
[60.Kxh6+- 3.46/27 is more deadly. Bxh4+ 61.Bg6]
60...Bd8 3.00/27
[60...Bc3± 1.11/23 61.Rb7 Bd2]
61.Bg6 Rd5+? 5.21/26
[61...Bxh4 1.72/25 is tougher. 62.Rf7+ *(62.Kxh4 Rxg6 63.Rxa5 Kg8±)* 62...Kg8]
62.Kxh6 Bxh4 63.Kh7 Be7 64.a4 Rd1 65.Rxa5 Hoping for Rf5+. **65...Bd6 66.Rf5+ Ke7 67.a5** 2.59/25
[⌓67.Bh5 4.79/24]
67...Ra1

(Diagram)

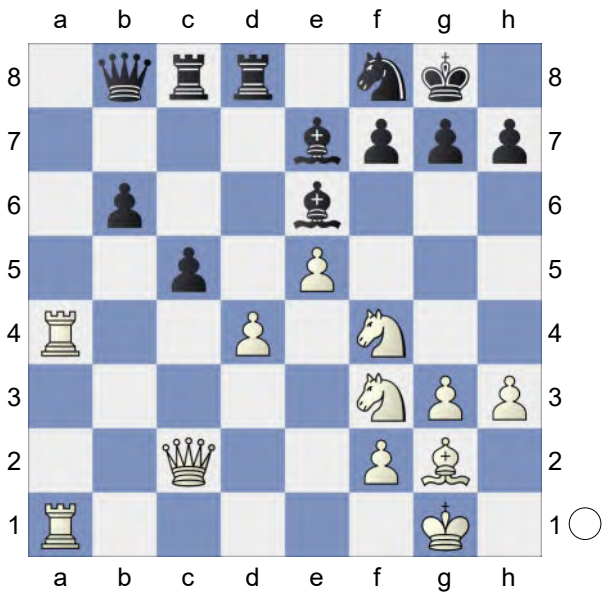


68.Rb5? 0.09/21 Prevents Bb4
[White must play 68.Rf7+!+- 2.87/24 Ke6 69.Ra7]
68...Bc7= 69.g5 Rxa5 70.Rxa5 Bxa5 71.Bd3 Bc3
[Reject 71...Kf8?! 72.g6 Bc3 73.Bc4± *(73.g7+ Bxg7 74.Kg6 Bh8=)*]
72.g6 Bd4
[72...Kf8 73.Kh6 *(73.g7+ Bxg7 74.Kg6 Bh8=)*]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.74
73.g7 -0.12/94
[73.Be4± 0.55/33]
½-½

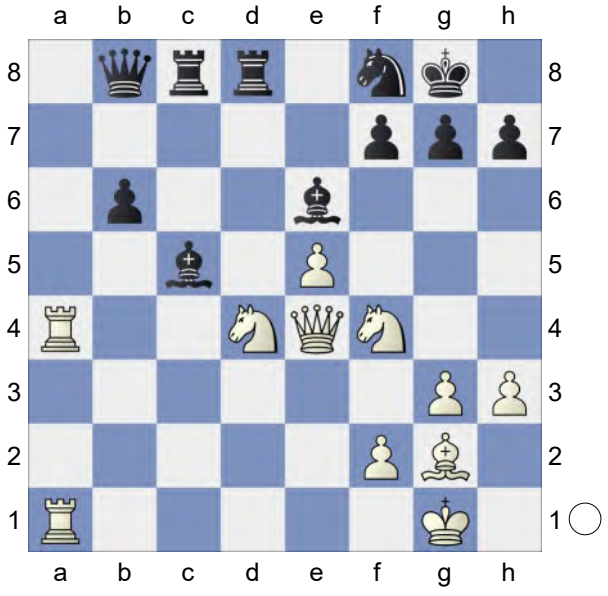
112 **E10**
□ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2739**
■ **Sarana,A** **2686**
Chess.com Classic Play-In blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 c6 7.Bc3 Ne4 8.Nbd2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.cxd5N
[11.e4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 b5 13.Ne3 Nb6 14.Qc2 c5 15.d5 Qc7 16.Rfd1 Rb8 17.Rab1 exd5 18.exd5 Bd7 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 Nc4 21.Nd2 Nxd2 22.Rxd2 Qd6 23.Bf1 a6 24.c4 b4 25.Re2 Bf6 ½-½ (32) Harikrishnan,A (2437)-Santos Latasa, J (2656) Abu Dhabi op 29th 2023 (4) 26.Bh3 Rbd8 27.Qc2 Bc3 28.Qa4 Qg6 29.Rd1 Qh5 30.Bf1 Rd6 31.Re4 Qf5 32.Bd3 ½-½ Ramusch,A (2437)-Levchenko,M (2656) 4.e3 f5 5. g4 (4)]
11...exd5 12.c4 dxc4 13.Nxc4 Nb6 14.Nce5 Be6 15.Qc2 Qc7 0.57/18
[15...Rc8= 0.08/18]
16.e4± Rac8 0.82/17
[16...Rad8± 0.40/18]
17.a4± Rfd8 18.h3 0.43/20
[18.Rfc1!± 0.88/17]
18...Bf6 19.a5 Nd7 20.Nd3 0.18/19
[20.Ng4± 0.93/21]
20...Nf8=
[20...c5?! 21.Rfc1±]
21.Ra4 b5 0.46/16
[21...c5= 0.10/22 deserves consideration.]
22.axb6± axb6 23.Rfa1! Qb8 1.06/25
[23...Qd7= 0.23/20]
24.e5± Be7 25.Nf4 c5

(Diagram)



26.Qe4
[26.Nxe6?! cxd4 27.Nxd8 *(27.Qe4 Nxe6 28.Nxd4 Nc5=)* 27...Rxc2 28.Nxd4 Qxd8∓ *(28...Rxf2? 29.N4c6+-)*]
26...cxd4 27.Nxd4 and Nfxe6 should not be overlooked **27...Bc5**



28.Nfxe6! Nxe6 29.Nc6 White is more active. **29...Rxc6** Deflection **30.Ra8** 0.22/23
[30.Qxc6± 1.22/25 Qxe5 31.Ra8]
30...Rcc8? 1.80/21
[30...Bxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Rcc8 *(31...Qxa8? loses. 32.Rxa8 Rcc8 33.Rxc8+-; 31...Rd2+? 32.Ke1+-)* 32.Rxb8+-]
[30...Qxa8= 0.22/23 and Black stays safe. 31.Rxa8 *(31.Qxc6? Qxa1+ 32.Kh2 Bxf2-+)* 31...Rxa8 32.Qxc6 Ra2]
31.Rxb8+- Rxb8 32.Qc4? 0.04/21
[32.Kh2+- 1.96/20]
32...Rd2= 33.Rf1 White is weak on the dark squares **33...b5 34.Qc3⇄** White is not holding back **34...Rbd8 35.Be4 g6 36.Kg2 b4 37.Qb3 Re2 38.Bd5** The position is equal. **38...Rxe5 39.Bxe6 Rxe6 40.Rc1 Bf8 41.Rc7 Re7 42.Rc6 Red7 43.Rf6 Kg7 44.Rf3 h5 45.g4 hxg4 46.hxg4 Re8 47.g5 Kg8 48.Rf6 Kg7 49.Qb2 Kh7 50.Qb3 Kg7 51.Qb2** Inhibits Re5. Re6+ would kill now. **51...Kg8** aiming for ...Bg7. **52.Qb3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
52...Kg7
½-½

111	**E06**
□ **Fedoseev,Vl3**	**2739**
■ **Deac,Bogdan-Daniel**	**2668**
Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (7.1)	29.04.25

[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
In the penultimate round I had a very interesting battle with the top seed. We were both trying to win, I think. The next game was played in the Ghent congress, one of the most famous tournaments on the European chess calendar. In this game my opponent played a freeing Knight move in the middlegame and it made such an impression on me that I

felt it greatly improved my understanding of such positions. That's how you learn and improve, from practical experience. I went to Ghent with Mark Ruston and Paul Robson. The attraction of the place was obvious, because the tournament was more relaxed than most as it wasn't even FIDE rated and was part of a larger festival. Lots of people were drinking, and having a good time in the summer sun. It was like being on holiday with the likely lads. We traveled over on the boat and then drove to Ghent. When we arrived we had trouble finding the venue. After driving around for some time we came across what we thought was the accommodation. We thought we had found the right place but some exasperated ringing of the bell later, seemed to suggest it was a dead end. The place looked completely empty. Fortunately after chatting with some of the locals it was made clear that we had come to the wrong building, and a member of the local Christian church agreed to drive to the right place and we would follow. It was just as well he turned up at that point because we were flat out of options, none of us having access to wifi. When we finally turned up at the right place, our troubles weren't completely over. I had trouble finding somewhere to eat (I was starving !) as it was well after nine pm and we were stuck in a quieter suburb of town. I eventually found myself at a hotel but arrived two minutes after the restaurant had closed, so the only option was to buy a large pack of chocolates that they had on sale on the reception. No matter. I was glad to be out of England and back on the continent where I felt I belonged, after all these years. When the tournament began I took a bye early on because I wanted to watch the golf that was taking place back in the U.K. I rather wish I hadn't, because it was a very expensive tournament for me. At least you know the money you spend on purchasing this course is going to a good cause . The game against Michiels took place in the penultimate round on the Saturday night, and it turned into an extreme test of nerves and stamina. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nbd2** -0.08/19

[6.0-0± 0.34/17]

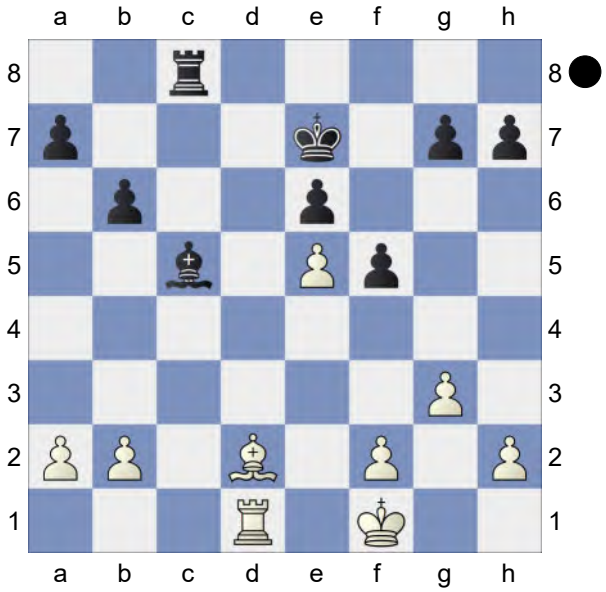
6...b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.cxd5 Nxd5N 0.48/17

[8...exd5= 0.06/20 9.b3 *(9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Ndf3 c5 11.b3 a5 12.Bb2 Ne4 13.Rc1 Re8 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Ne5 Qe6 16.Nd3 Bd6 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.e3 a4 19.bxa4 Ba6 20.Re1 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Rxa4 22.Qb3 Raa8 23.Bxe4 dxe4* ½-½ (39) Djuric,S-11.Bd2 Espana (ch) 149/(45) 2021*)* 9...Nbd7 10.Bb2 Bd6 11.Ne5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Rc1 Re8 14.Nc4 Bf8 15.Qc2 Nf6 16.Ne3 c6 17.Rfd1 Qe7 18.Nc4 Qe6 19.e3 Rac8 20.Qe2 c5 21.dxc5 Rxc5 22.Bd4 Rc7 23.Nd2 Rd7 24.Nc4 Rc7 ½-½ (60) Gormally,D (2498)-Michiels,B (2563) Gent 2019 25.Qb2 Nd7 26.Qb1 Nc5 27.Nd2 Rd7 28.Bxc5 Bxc5 29.b4 Bf8 30.Nb3 Rxd1+ 31.Rxd1 Bxb4 32.Nd4 Qe7 33.Nf5 Qf8 34.g4 g6 35.Ng3 Qe7 36.Qc2 a5 37.Qa4 Qe6 38.g5 Bc6 39.Qc2 Bc5 (60) 5. Freeing Knight Moves-Gormally,D]

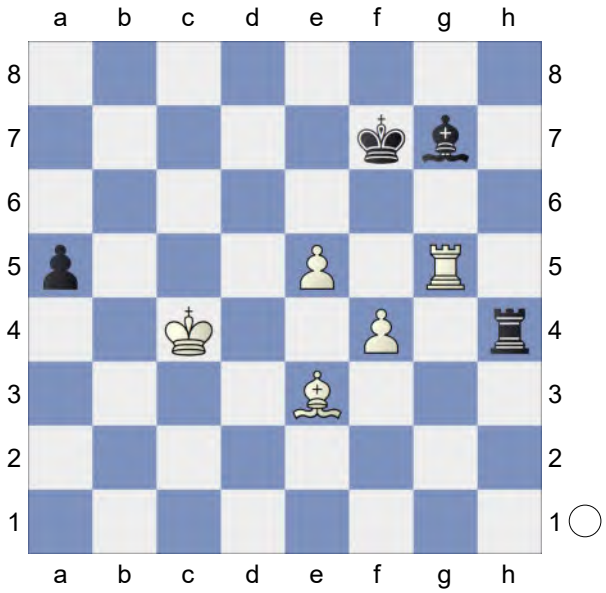
9.Ne5 -0.01/18

[9.e4± 0.48/17 was preferable. Nf6 10.e5]

9...Nd7= 10.Ndc4 c5 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.e4 Nf6
[13...Ba6!? 14.b3 Nf6=]
14.Qxd7 Nxd7 15.Bf4 Ba6 16.Rfd1 Bxc4 17.Rxd7 Bb5 18.Rc7 Rfc8 19.Rd1 Rxc7 20.Bxc7 Rc8 21.Be5 f6 22.Bc3 Kf7 23.Bf1 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 E n d g a m e K R B - K R B **24...Ke7** Prevents Rd7+ **25.e5 f5 26.Bd2**
[26.b4!? Be3□ *(26...Bxf2? 27.Bd2+-)* 27.Be1=]



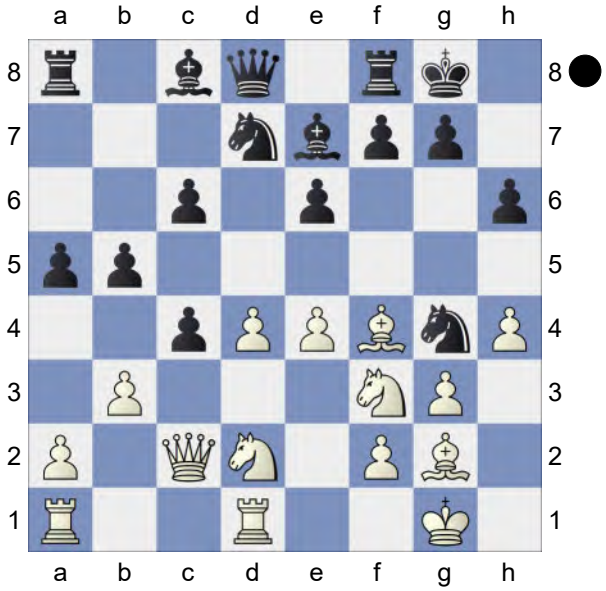
26...Ke8 27.Rc1 Rd8 28.Ke2 Rd5
[28...Bxf2? 29.Bg5 Bc5 30.Bxd8 Kxd8 31.Kf3+-]
29.f4 Kd7 30.b4 Be7 31.Bc3 Kd8 32.a4 a6 33.h4 h5 34.Bd2 Kd7 Dodges Rc6 **35.Bc3 Bf8 36.Ke3 Be7 37.Bd4 Bxb4 38.Rb1! a5 39.Bxb6 Bd2+ 40.Ke2 Bb4 41.Rc1 Rd2+ 42.Ke3** And now Rc7+ would win. **42...Ra2** and ...Bd2+ would now be decisive **43.Rc7+ Ke8 44.Rxg7 Rxa4 45.Kd3 Ra3+ 46.Kc4 Ra1 47.Rh7 Ra3 48.Rg7 Ra1 49.Rh7 Ra3 50.Rxh5 Rxg3 51.Rh8+ Kf7 52.Rh7+ Rg7 53.Rh6 Rg4 54.Be3** A mistake that costs the game. **54...Bf8?** 3.68/22
[54...Rg6= -0.01/26 55.Rh7+ Kg8 *(55...Rg7 56.Rh6=)*]
55.Rf6++- Kg8? 5.36/23
[55...Kg7 2.93/24 56.Rxe6 Rxh4]
56.Rxe6 Rxh4 57.Rg6+ Kh7? 5.98/21
[57...Kf7 3.65/20 was worth a try. 58.Ra6 Be7]
58.Rf6 White is clearly winning. **58...Bg7 59.Rxf5 Kg6 60.Rg5+ Kf7**



61.e6+! Discovered Attack **61...Kf6**
[61...Kxe6 62.Rxg7]
62.e7
[Not 62.Rxa5 Kxe6 63.Kd3 Bf8=]
62...Rh8 63.Bd4+ 13.58/26
[⌓63.Kd5 33.51/29 Bh6 64.Bd4+ Kxe7 65.Bxh8]
63...Kxe7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.50
64.Rxg7+
1-0

114 **D02**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2733**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
Asian Games Men Team 2023 (6.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap rapid 2009 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (3)]
7...c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bf4 Nbd7 10.Rd1 a5 10...b6 is not played anymore. 10...b6 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. 10...b6 is not played anymore. 10...b6 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. White is slightly better. **11.h4 Ng4 12.e4N**
[Vorgänger: 12.Nc3 f5 13.Rac1 Qe8 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.Na4 Qh5 16.Nb6 a4 17.Nxa4 g5 18.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ Rallabandi,P (2503)-Tsitsulin,A (2398) Webchess op7 final email 2020]
12...dxc4
[12...dxe4 with more complications. 13.Qxe4 e5 14.dxe5 Bc5]
13.Nbd2 b5 14.b3 -1.25/18
[14.e5= 0.08/22]



14...e5!∓ 15.Nxe5 Ndxe5 16.Bxe5 f6 -0.38/17
[Black should try 16...Nxe5∓ -1.27/22 17.dxe5 Qc7]
17.Bf4∓ Qxd4 18.Nf3 -0.93/21
[18.Nxc4!= -0.12/23 Qxf2+ 19.Qxf2 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 bxc4 21.Bd6]
18...Qb6 Hoping for ...c4-c3! Black is more active. **19.Bd6?** -2.35/22 This move loses the game for White.
[19.bxc4∓ -0.74/18 keeps fighting. b4 20.Qe2]
19...Bxd6-+ 20.Rxd6

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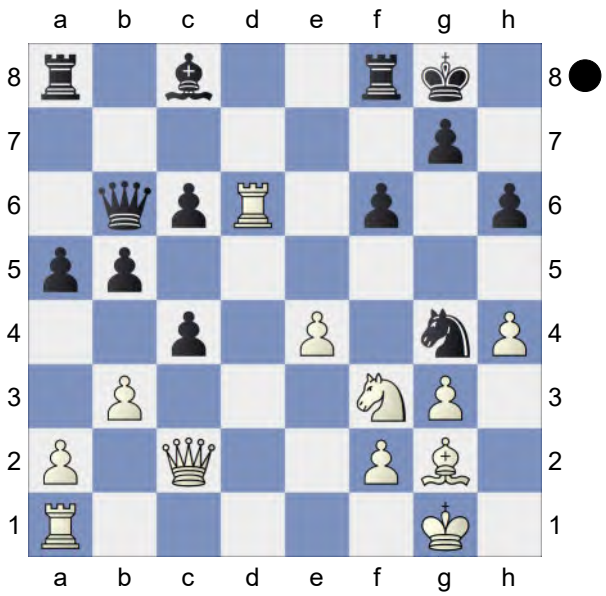


c3 21.a3
[21.Rad1 Qc5]
21...Ra7 22.Rad1 b4 Strongly threatening ...Ng4-e5. **23.Nd4** -3.53/19
[23.Bf1 -2.06/16 might work better.]
23...Rd7
[23...bxa3 24.Nxc6 Qxf2+ *(24...Rc7? 25.Ne7+* Discovered Attack *Kf7 26.Rxb6+-)* 25.Qxf2 Nxf2 26.Kxf2= *(26.Nxa7?* is the wrong capture. *Nxd1 27.Rxd1 c2-+)*]
24.Rxc6 Qa7 25.axb4 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 Qxd4 27.bxa5 Rd8 White must now prevent ...Qd4-d2. **28.Bf1 Bb7 29.Rc4 Qd1 30.Qxc3 Ba6 31.Kg2 Rd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

115 **E11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
■ **Koelle,Tobias** **2453**
AUT-chT 2324 (3.2) 24.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

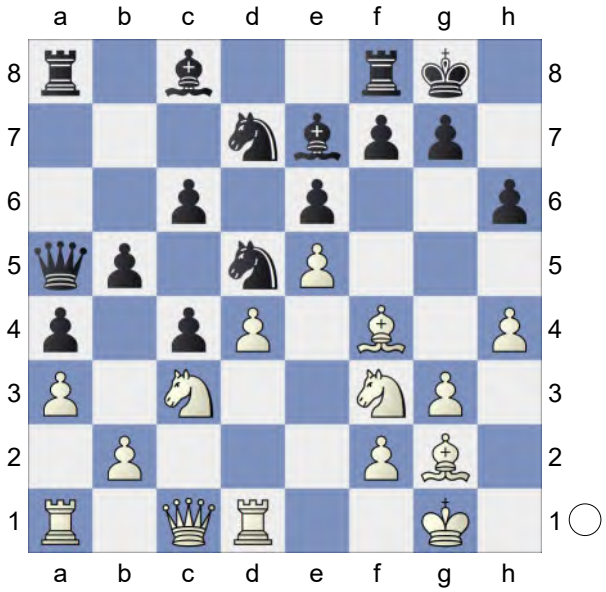
E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5N
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7
A) 9.b3 Ne4 10.Nc3 *(10.Bc1 f5 11.Ba3 Bxa3 12.Nxa3 g5 13.Qb2 g4 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 h5 16.Nc2 f4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 f3 20.e3 Kf7 21.h4 Bd7 22.c5 b6 23.b4 bxc5 24.bxc5 Rfb8* 0-1 Malka,S (2236)-Alahakoon,I (1925) Titled Tuesday intern op 31st Jan Early blitz 2023 (2) *)* 10...Nxd2 11.Nxd2 f5 12.Rab1 Qe7 13.e3 b6 14.cxd5 Ba6 15.dxc6 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nf6 17.Nb5 Bc7 18.Nc4 a6 19.Nxc7 Qxc7 20.Ne5 Rfd8 21.Rc1 1-0 Kusa,J (2373)-Wecker,M (2144) Reykjavik op 2023 (5);
B) 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxd2 *(10...f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 Nf6 21.a4 Bxb4 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Rab1 Qe7 24.a5 Rc8 25.cxd5* 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap rapid 2009 (6)*)* 11.Nxd2 f5 12.e3 Nf6 13.c5 Bc7 14.b4 e5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nf3 Bc7 17.Nd4 Qe7 18.Nce2 Ne4 19.Rac1 g5 20.Re1 ½-½ Santos Usua,M (1898)-Odriozola Coscolin,A (2046) ESP-ch U18 Salobrena 2023 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc1 Be7 8.0-0 c6 9.Rd1 The position is equal. **9...Nbd7 10.Bf4 a4 11.a3 h6 12.Nc3!?N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 12.Qc2 Qa5 13.Nbd2 Nh5 14.Be3 Bd6 15.Rac1 f5 16.Nf1 Nhf6 17.cxd5 0.02/20 *(17.Bd2±*

0.38/16 is superior. *Qd8 18.Bf4)*
17...cxd5= 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4
1-0 Suleymenov,A (2499)-Sargsyan,S (2654) Astana Zhuldyzdary op-A 2023 (6)]

12...Qa5 13.h4 dxc4 14.e4 -0.49/18
[14.Nd2= -0.11/17]

14...b5 0.18/17
[14...Qh5∓ -0.49/18]

15.e5= Nd5 1.27/19
[15...Nh7= 0.24/18]



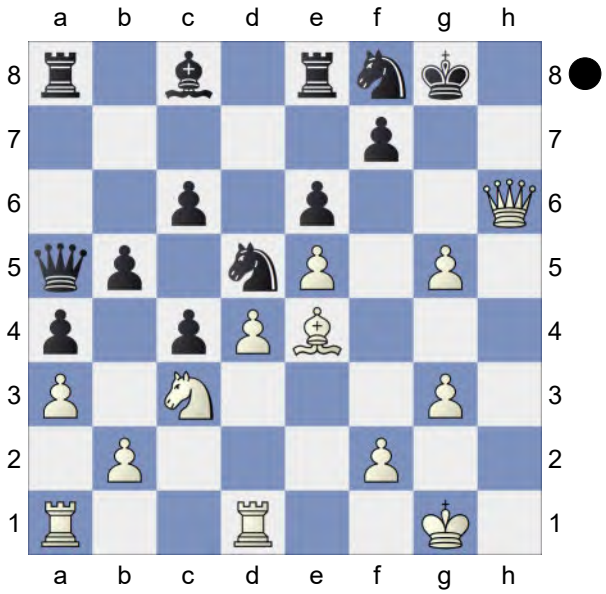
16.Bxh6!± Demolition **16...gxh6**
[16...Qd8 17.Bf4]

17.Qxh6 Re8 2.23/21
[17...Qd8± 1.42/18 was called for.]

18.Ng5+- Nf8 Prevents Qh6-h7+

19.Be4 White wants to mate with Be4-h7+. **19...Bxg5 20.hxg5**
[Worse is 20.Qxg5+ Kh8=]

(Diagram)



Black must now prevent Kg1-g2.

20...Ne7 21.g4→ Repels Ne7-f5. Hoping for Be4-g2. White has strong attack. **21...Nfg6?** 6.72/21
[21...Ra6 1.85/17 22.Bxc6 Qxc3 *(22...Nxc6? is the wrong capture. 23.Ne4+-)*]

22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Ne4 Ne4-f6+ would kill now. **23...Rd8 24.Kg2**

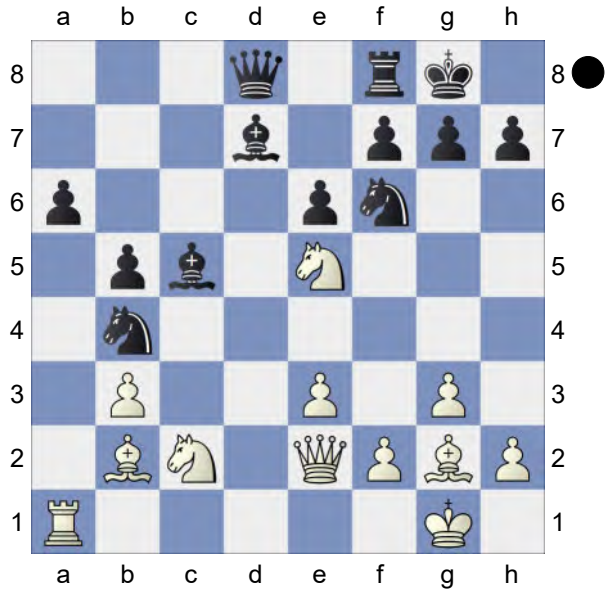
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.80

1-0

118 **E04**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2741**
Meltwater Tour Final rapid (2.2) 16.11.22
[TA]

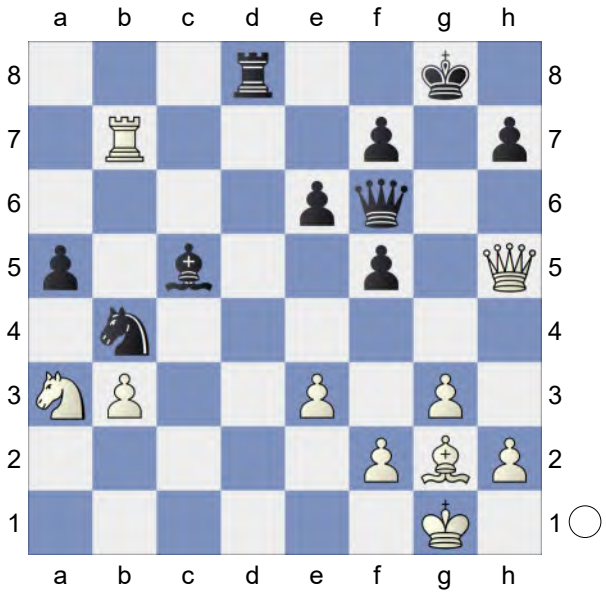
1.d4 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 3 **e6** 1 **3.Nf3** 0 **d5** 2 **4.g3** 1 **dxc4** 3 **5.Bg2** 2 **a6** 4 **6.0-0** 23 **Nc6** 2 **7.e3** 5 **Bd7** 1 **8.Qe2** 9 **b5** 1 **9.b3** 7 E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3. **9...cxb3** 4 **10.axb3** 0 **Bd6** 2 Against Ne5 **11.Bb2** 2 White has compensation. White is slightly better. **11...0-0** 3 **12.Rc1** 43 **Nb4** 22

is the new trend .ist der neue Trend.
13.Ne5 59 Inhibits Bc6. **13...Rc8** 1:42
14.Na3 2:24 **c5** 1:41 **15.dxc5!** 1:09
Rxc5 7 **16.Rxc5** 23 **Bxc5** 0 **17.Nc2** 25

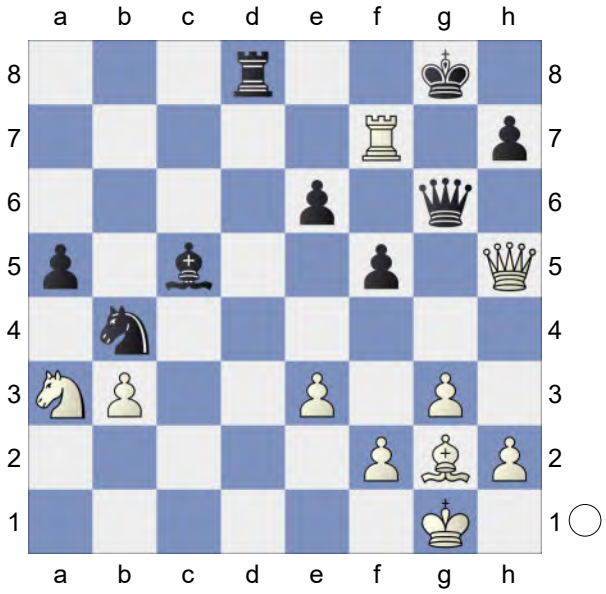


a5N 4:54
[Vorgänger: Predecessor: 17...Nxc2 18.Qxc2 Qb6 19.g4 Rd8 20.g5 Nd5 21.Be4 f5 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Qxf5 ½-½ (36) Ivanchuk,V (2766)-Van Wely,L (2692) Wijk aan Zee 2012]
18.Rd1 2:37 **Qc7** 2:48 **19.Nxd7** 44 **Nxd7** 0 **20.Na3** 1:51 **Nf6** 25 **21.Nxb5** 1:01 **Qb8** 59 **22.Bxf6** 38 **gxf6** 1 **23.Rd7** 1 **Rd8** 50 **24.Rb7** 8 **Qe5** 2 **25.Na3** 1:18 **f5** 3:44 **26.Qh5** 31 **Qf6** 10
[26...Rf8±]

(Diagram)



27.Nc4 2
[White should play 27.Rxf7!!± Qg6

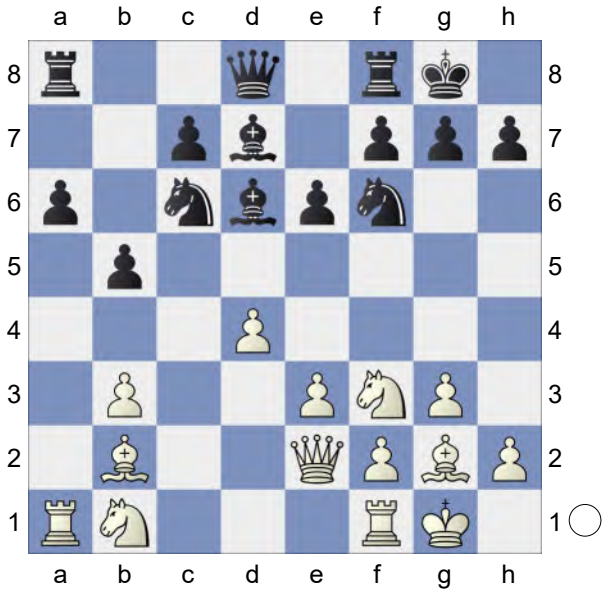


28.Rxh7! Qxh5 29.Rxh5]
27...Rf8 1:06 **28.Rd7** 1:26 **Na6** 18 **29.Bb7** 16 White is much more active. **29...Nb8** 4 **30.Rc7** 9 **Bb4** 1 **31.e4** 49 **Qd8** 9 **32.Rc8** 50 **Qd7** 23 **33.Qg5+** 59 **Kh8** 1 **34.Qf6+** 1 **Kg8** 0 **35.Qg5+** 26 **Kh8** 1 **36.exf5→** 5 White is up to no good. **36...Rxc8=** 13 **37.Bxc8** 5 The board is on fire. **37...Qxc8** 3 **38.Ne5** 3 **Qf8** 22 And now ...f6 would win. **39.Qf6+** 5 **Kg8** 5 **40.Ng4** 19 **Bd2** 45

Prevents Nh6+.
[40...Qe8= and Black has nothing to worry.]
41.fxe6+- 18 **fxe6** 0 **42.Qxe6+** 1 **Kg7** 1 **43.Qe5+** 9 **Kg6** 1 **44.Qe6+?** 27 **Kg7=** 2 **45.Qe5+?** 9
[45.h4= Bc3 46.Ne5 *(46.Qe3 Qc8=)*]
45...Kg6+- 1 **46.Qe4+** 10 Skewer **46...Qf5** 36 **47.Ne5+** 1 **Kf6** 2 **48.Ng4+** 0 **Kg6!** 1 White now steadily converts the win. **49.Qe8+** 5 **Kg5** 2 **50.Ne5** 34 aiming for Qe7+. **50...Qb1+?** 51
[50...Kf6]
51.Kg2 1 Qe6 would kill now. **51...Qxb3** 0 **52.Nf3+** 19
[⌓52.Qe7+ Kf5 53.Nf3]
52...Kf6 10 **53.Nxd2** 9 Endgame KQN-KQN **53...Qd5+** 6 **54.Ne4+** 2 **Kf5** 8 **55.f3** 13
[Not 55.Qxb8 Kxe4 56.Qe8+ Kd4+ 57.Kg1 Kc3⩲]
55...Nd7 0 Inhibits Qf8+. **56.Qh5+** 19 **Ke6** 1 **57.Qh6+** 5 **Ke5** 6 **58.Qg7+** 13 **Ke6** 2 **59.Qxh7** 7 **Qe5?** 46
[59...Nf6 60.Qg6 Qe5]
60.f4 15 **Qb2+** 16 **61.Kh3** 3 Black must now prevent f5+. **61...Qb5** 8 Inhibits f5+.
[⌓61...a4 62.f5+ Kd5]
62.Qg6+ 6 **Ke7** 1 **63.Qd6+** 16 **Kd8** 2 **64.Ng5** 14 **Qb6** 19 **65.Ne6+** 10 **Kc8?** 1
[65...Ke8 66.Qd5 Nf6]
66.Qe7 8 Threatens to win with Qe8+. **66...Qb5** 26 **67.Qd8+** 2 **Kb7** 1 **68.Qc7+** 1 **Ka6** 8 **69.Qd6+** 28 **Ka7** 3 **70.Nd4** 7 **Qh5+** 14 **71.Kg2** 1 **Nb6** 1 **72.Qe5** 13 **Qxe5** 8 **73.fxe5** 0 KN-KN **73...a4** 2 **74.Kf3** 29 **Kb7** 2 **75.Nc2** 2 **Kc6** 5 **76.Ke4** 1 White threatens h4 and mate. **76...Kd7** 14 **77.Kf5** 2 **Ke7** 19 **78.Na3** 4 **Nd5** 3 **79.Nc4** 2 White is clearly winning. **79...Kf7** 7 **80.h4** 30 **Ne7+** 14 **81.Kg5** 4 **Ke6** 26 **82.h5** 2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.37
1-0

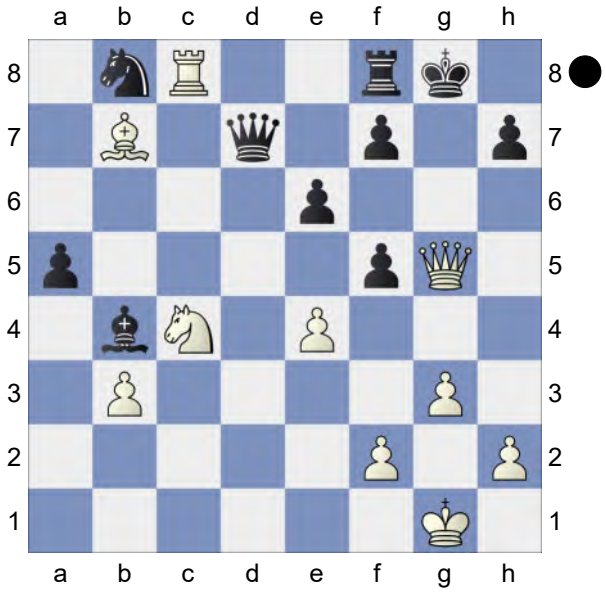
119 **E04**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (6.1)
[TA]

Rapid 15min+10sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 5 **e6** 2 **3.Nf3** 2 **d5** 5 **4.g3** 1 **dxc4** 5 **5.Bg2** 1 **a6** 0 **6.0-0** 9 **Nc6** 2 **7.e3** 0 **Bd7** 2 **8.Qe2** 3 **b5** 5 **9.b3** 10 **cxb3** 39 **10.axb3** 3 **Bd6** 18 **11.Bb2** 37 11.Bf4 is the recent fashion. E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3. **11...0-0** 1:32



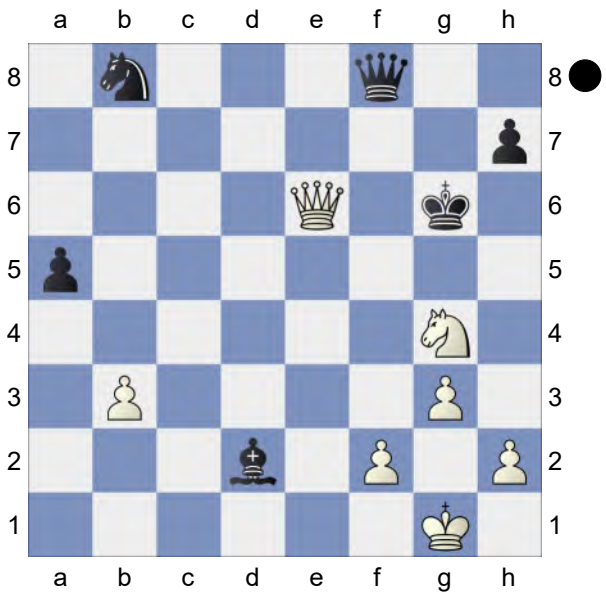
12.Rc1N 1:16 **Nb4** 49 **13.Ne5** 40 Black has an edge. **13...Rc8** 35 **14.Na3** 1:24 **c5** 1:42 **15.dxc5** 4 **Rxc5** 2 **16.Rxc5** 3:51 **Bxc5⇄** 32 **17.Nc2** 0 **a5** 19
[17...Nxc2 18.Qxc2 Qb6 19.g4 Rd8 20.g5 Nd5 21.Be4 f5 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Qxf5]
18.Rd1 14 **Qc7** 8 **19.Nxd7** 58 **Nxd7** 3:06 **20.Na3** 2:21 **Nf6** 1:28 **21.Nxb5** 50 **Qb8** 38 **22.Bxf6** 1:01 **gxf6** 1:01

Black is more active. **23.Rd7** 22 **Rd8** 17 **24.Rb7** 1:38 **Qe5** 18 **25.Na3** 15 **f5** 20 Hoping for ... Nb4. **26.Qh5** 43 **Qf6** 1:05
[26...Rf8]
27.Nc4 0
[27.Rxf7 Qg6 28.Rxh7 Qxh5 29.Rxh5]
27...Rf8 20 **28.Rd7** 1:57 **Na6** 54 **29.Bb7** 17 **Nb8** 9 **30.Rc7** 27 **Bb4** 13 **31.e4** 15 **Qd8** 1:39 **32.Rc8** 17 **Qd7∓** 0 Endgame KQR-KQR **33.Qg5+** 19 **Kh8** 8 **34.Qf6+** 5 **Kg8** 21 **35.Qg5+** 2



Kh8 8 **36.exf5** 20 **Rxc8** 18 **37.Bxc8?** 15 **Qxc8-+** 49 **38.Ne5** 11 **Qf8** 12 **39.Qf6+** 1 **Kg8** 9 **40.Ng4** 21 **Bd2** 7
[40...Qe8]
41.fxe6 3 **fxe6** 1 aiming for ...Qb1. **42.Qxe6+** 4 **Kg7** 23 **43.Qe5+** 2 **Kg6** 59 **44.Qe6+** 2
[44.Qe4+ Qf5 45.Qe8+ Kg5 46.Ne5]

(Diagram)



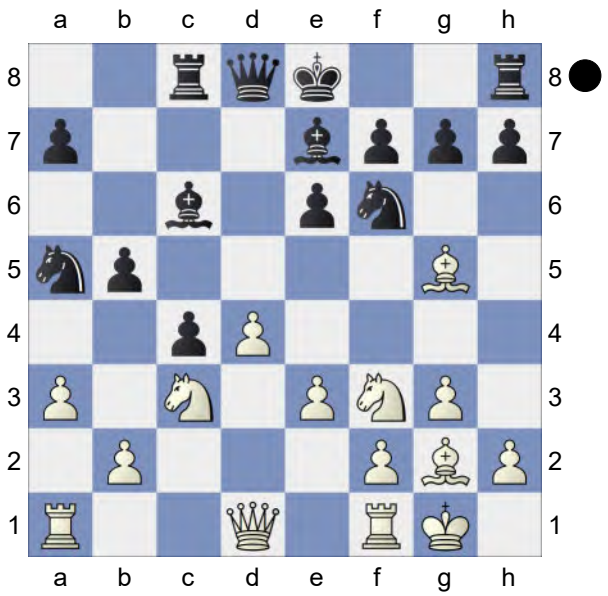
44...Kg7! 4 **45.Qe5+** 14
[45.h4 Bc3 46.Ne5 *(46.Qe3 Qc8* 0-1 (47) Eising,J (2355)-Glienke,M (2300) Germany 1987 *)*]
45...Kg6? 2 **46.Qe4+?** 7 **Qf5** 12 **47.Ne5+** 40 **Kf6** 6 **48.Ng4+** 2 **Kg6** 8 **49.Qe8+** 31 **Kg5** 4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.40 **50.Ne5∓ Qb1+**
[50...Kf6]
51.Kg2 Qxb3-+ and Black stays clearly on top. (→ ...Qf1+) **52.Nf3+**
[52.Qe7+ Kf5 53.Nf3]
52...Kf6 Stronger than **53.Nxd2 Qd5+ 54.Ne4+ Kf5= ⌓55.f3**
[55.Qxb8 Kxe4 56.Qe8+ Kd4+ 57.Kg1 Kc3]
55...Nd7 56.Qh5+ Ke6 57.Qh6+ Inferior is **57...Ke5 58.Qg7+ Ke6 59.Qxh7= ⌓Qe5**
[59...Nf6= 60.Qg6!? Predecessor: 60...Qe5]
60.f4 Qb2+ 61.Kh3 Qb5
[61...a4 62.f5+ Kd5∓]
62.Qg6+ Ke7 63.Qd6+∓ ⌓Kd8 64.Ng5 Qb6 65.Ne6+ Kc8
[65...Ke8 66.Qd5∓ Nf6]
66.Qe7 Qb5 67.Qd8+ Kb7 ⌓68.Qc7+

Ka6 69.Qd6+ But not **69...Ka7?! 70.Nd4 Qh5+ 71.Kg2= Nb6 72.Qe5= Qxe5!? 73.fxe5 a4=** Black should play **74.Kf3∓** And now ...b4 would win. **74...Kb7 75.Nc2 Kc6 76.Ke4 Kd7 77.Kf5 Ke7 78.Na3 ⊵Nd5 79.Nc4** seems wilder. **79...Kf7 80.h4 Ne7+ 81.Kg5 Ke6!∓ 82.h5**
0-1

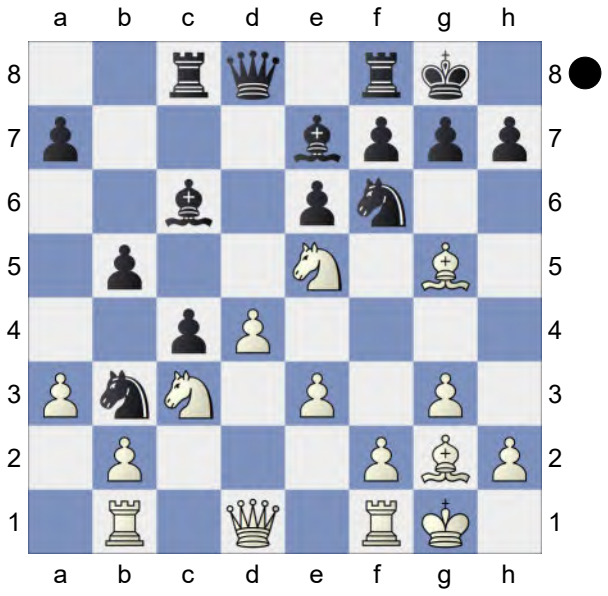
116 **E04**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (6.3)
[TA]

Rapid 15min+10sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 0 **e6** 23 **3.Nf3** 9 **d5** 15 **4.g3** 5 **dxc4** 1:08 **5.Bg2** 11 **c5** 5 **6.0-0** 1:23 A19: English Opening: Flohr-Mikenas System with 3...c5. **6...Nc6** 0 **7.Qa4** 1 **Bd7** 7 **8.Qxc4** 0 The position is equal. **8...b5** 1:08 ...Bf5 is the strong threat. **9.Qd3** 1:32 **c4∓** 2:52 **10.Qd1** 3:26 **Rc8** 9 **11.a3** 0 **Na5** 2:03 Black is much more active. The white rooks are badly placed. **12.Nc3?** 1:49 This move loses the game for White.
[12.Nbd2 Bc6 13.b4 cxb3 14.Nxb3 Nc4 15.Nbd2 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 Bd6 17.Bb4 0-0 18.Qd3 a5 19.Bxd6 Qxd6]
12...Bc6-+ 51 **13.Bg5** 5 **Be7** 13 **14.e3** 58

(Diagram)



Hoping for h5. **14...Nb3N** 1:40 **15.Rb1** 2:14 And now h5 would win. **15...0-0** 41
[15...a5]
16.Ne5 55
[16.Nd2]



16...Bxg2! 42 **17.Kxg2** 31 **Nd5** 10 **18.Bxe7** 0

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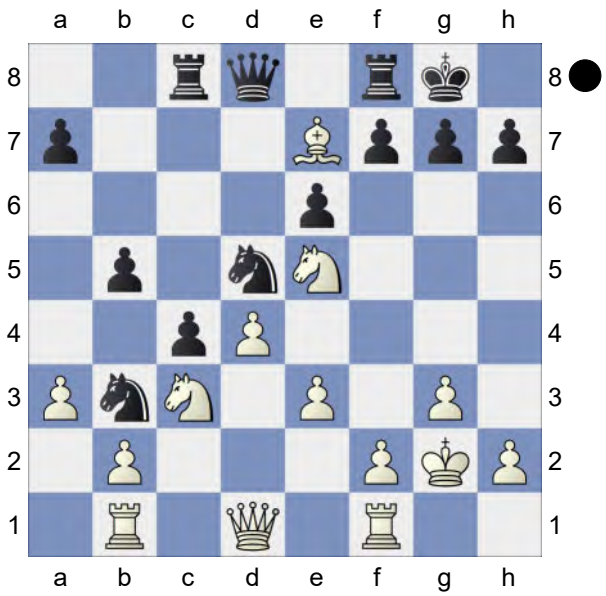
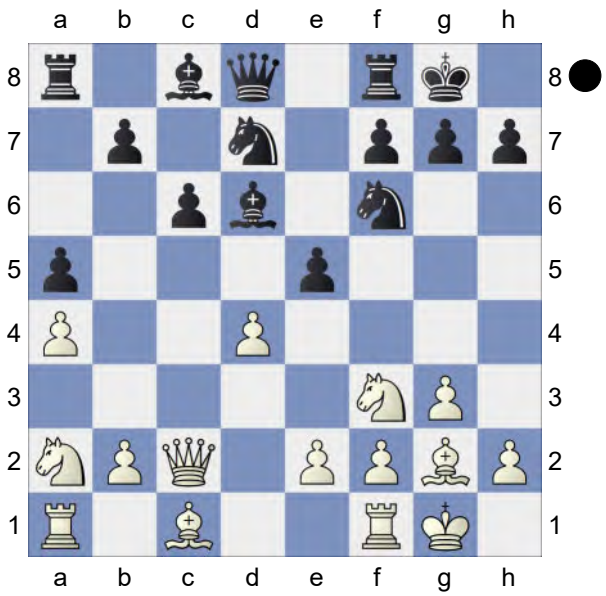


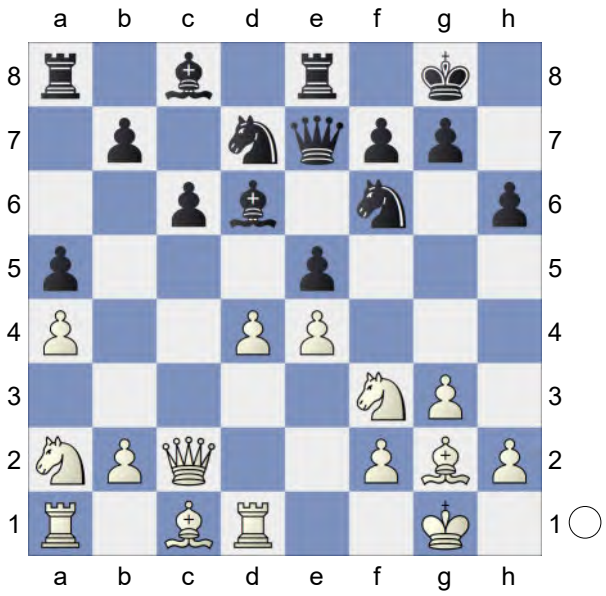
Qxe7 9 aiming for ...Qg5. **19.Qc2** 5
[19.Nxb5 Qb7 20.e4 Qxb5]
19...Qb7 31 Dancing on a razor blade. This bishop pair is nice. **20.Nf3** 39
[20.Kg1]
20...Rfd8 1:33
[20...Nf6 21.Rfe1 a5]
21.Rbd1 0 **a5** 1
[21...Nf6 22.h4 a5 23.a4 b4]
22.e4 19
[22.Qe4]
22...Ne7 16
[22...Nf6 23.e5 Nxd4 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 25.exf6 b4 26.axb4 axb4]
23.Rfe1 1 **h6** 30
[23...b4 is interesting. 24.Ne2 Qb6]
24.a4 1:35 **bxa4** 7 **25.Nxa4** 1 **Nc6** 1 **26.Nc5** 14 **Nxc5** 4
[26...Nbxd4∓ 27.Nxd4!= and White is okay. Nxd4 28.Nxb7 *(Black should try 28.Rxd4∓ Qb4= remains equal.)*]
27.dxc5 0 **Qb4** 1 **28.Rxd8+** 8 **Nxd8** 31 **29.Re3** 33 **Rxc5** 52 (→ ...c3) **30.Rc3** 1:38 **Nc6** 32 **31.Qd2** 47 **Ne5** 21 **32.Nxe5** 43 **Rxe5** 44 Black mates. **33.Qd8+** 4
[33.Qd4 Rc5∓ 34.h4]
33...Kh7 15 **34.Qd4** 2 **Rc5** 1 **35.Rf3** 6 **Rc7** 1 **36.h4** 28 **a4** 6
[⌓36...Rb7 37.e5 Qxb2 38.Qe4+ Kg8∓ 39.Qxc4 Ra7 40.Qc8+ Kh7]
37.g4 1
[37.Ra3±]
37...Rb7 25 **38.e5** 8 **Qxb2** 2 **39.Qe4+** 3
[39.Qxc4 Qb4 40.Qxb4 Rxb4 ½-½ (35) Rahul,K (2163)-Ingbrandt,J (2365) Sweden 2017 Don't do 41.Rxf7 Rxg4+ 42.Kh3]
39...Kg8 3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/Black=0.33 **⌓40.Qxc4 Rb4**
[40...a3 41.Rxa3 Rb8 42.Qc7]
41.Qc8+ Kh7 42.Rxf7
[Predecessor: 42.Qc3 Qb1 43.Qd3+ Qxd3 44.Rxd3]
42...Rxg4+ 43.Kh3 Qd4 44.Qxe6 Rg6
[44...Rxh4+ 45.Kg3 Qe4 46.Rf8]
45.Qf5 ⌓Qd1
[45...Qc4 46.Qf3 a3∓]
46.Qe4
[46.Qf3 Qf1+∓ Don't go for 47.Kh2?]
46...a3 ⌓47.Qf3 Qf1+ 48.Kh2 Qg1+ Stronger than **49.Kh3 a2**
0-1

117 **E01**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (5.1)
[TA]

Rapid 15min+10sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 1 **e6** 14 **3.Nf3** 4 **d5** 3 **4.g3** 1 **dxc4** 2 **5.Bg2** 2 **Nbd7** 1 **6.0-0** 7 **c6** 3 **7.a4** 12 White has compensation. E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3. **7...a5** 2 The main line 7...Be7 scores better than 7...Qxd4. **8.Nc3** 3 **Bb4** 1 **9.Qc2** 10 Black must now prevent axb5. White is slightly better. **9...0-0** 41 **10.Na2** 1:17 **Bd6** 24 **11.Qxc4** 1:23 **e5** 1:54 **12.Qc2** 1:47

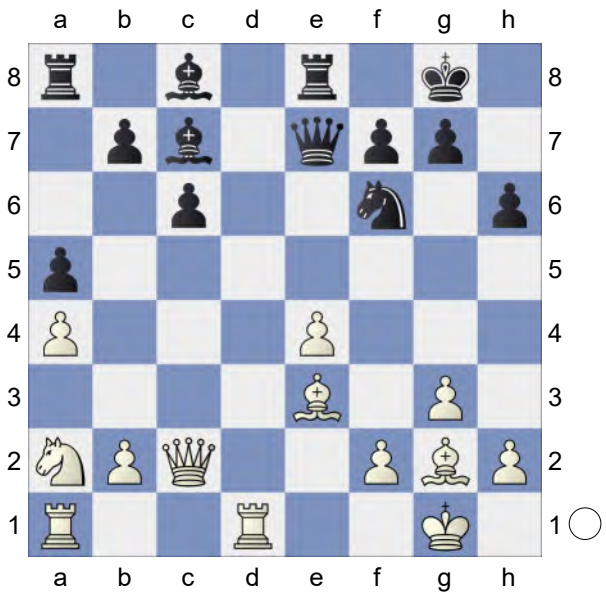


Re8N 1:35 **13.Rd1** 2:16 **Qe7** 4:52
14.e4!± 58 **h6** 40



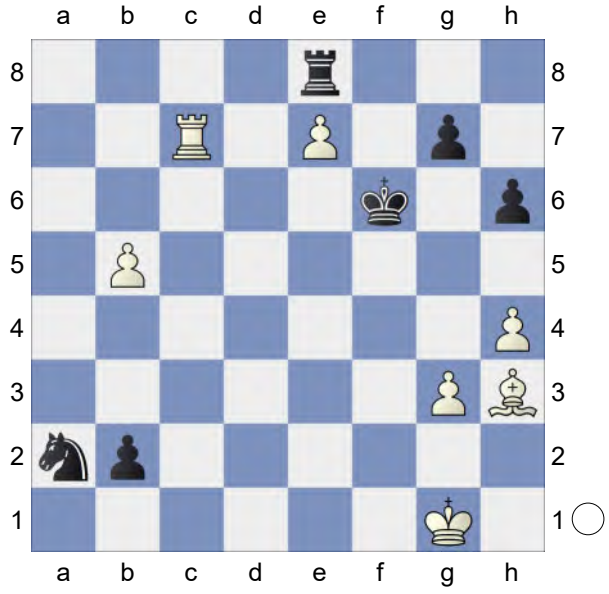
15.dxe5!± 13 White is more active.
[15.Nc3]
15...Nxe5 57 **16.Nxe5** 1:33 **Bxe5** 4
17.Be3 20
[17.f4 Bc7 18.Re1 Bf5]
17...Bc7 1:13

(Diagram)



18.f3! 2:40 **Be6** 1:22
[18...h5]
19.Nc1 29 **Rad8** 0 **20.Nd3** 0 **Nd7** 1:40
21.Nf2 4 Inhibits e5. aiming for Rxd7! Pair of Knights! **21...Qb4** 36 **22.Rd3** 1:39 **Bb6** 26 **23.Qc3** 1:09
[23.Bxb6 Nxb6 24.Bf1]
23...Bxe3 17 **24.Rxe3** 0 **Nc5** 16 **25.Bf1** 0
[25.f4]
25...Rd2 43 **26.Qxb4** 17 **axb4** 30
27.Rc1 40 **Nxa4** 1 **28.b3** 29 **Nc3** 34
29.Nd3 7 **Na2** 13
[29...Bxb3 30.Nxb4 Na2 31.Nxa2 Bxa2 32.Re2]
30.Ra1? 1:02 **Rd8=** 21
[30...Bxb3 31.Nxb4 Be6 32.Nd3]
31.Nf4 4
[31.f4]
31...b5 17 ...Rxd7 is the strong threat.
32.Nxe6 18 **fxe6** 2 **33.e5** 0 **Rb2** 1 Threatens to win with ...Bf8. **34.f4!** 13
Rdd2 26 **35.f5±** 10 **Kf7** 13
[35...Rxh2 36.fxe6 Kf8 37.Rf3+ Ke7 38.Re1]
[35...exf5 36.e6 Kf8 37.e7+ Ke8]
36.fxe6+ 0 Endgame KRN-KRN
36...Kxe6? 8 This move loses the game

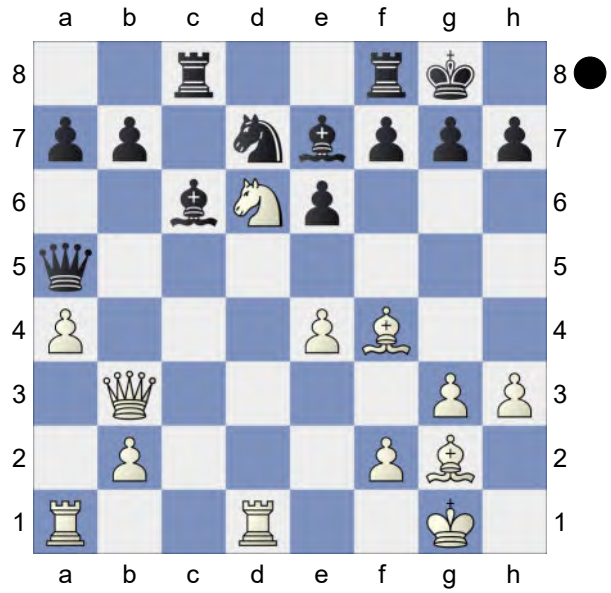
for Black.
[36...Ke7 37.h4 Rbc2]
37.h4+- 10
[37.Bh3+ Ke7 38.Rf3 Rxh2 39.Bg4]
37...Rbc2 9
[37...Nc3 38.Bh3+ Ke7 39.Rf3]
38.Bh3+ 29 **Ke7?** 14 **39.Rf3** 35 **Rc3** 1
[39...Rc1+ 40.Rxc1 Nxc1]
40.Raf1 11 KN-KN
[40.Rf2 Rcc2 41.Rf4]
40...Rxf3 1 **41.Rxf3** 7 **Rd8** 7 **42.e6** 6 **Rf8** 2 **43.Rd3** 1 **c5** 1
[43...Nc1 44.Rd7+ Kf6]
44.Rd7+ 2 **Kf6** 20 **45.Rc7** 20
[45.e7 Re8 46.Bf1]
45...c4 2 **46.bxc4** 2 **b3** 16
[46...bxc4 47.Rxc4 g6 48.Rc7]
47.e7 6 **Re8** 2
[47...Rb8 48.Bf1 Re8]
48.cxb5 30 Threatening mate with b7.
[48.Rc6+ Kxe7 49.cxb5]
48...b2 17



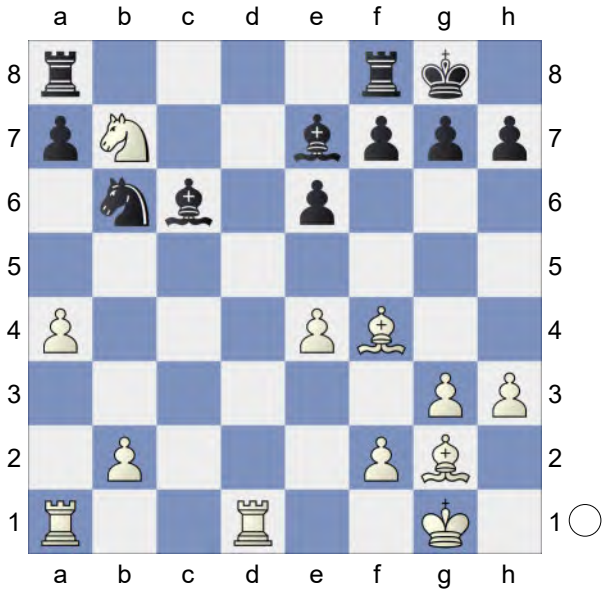
49.Rc6+! 18 Nc4+ would kill now.
49...Ke5 18 **50.Re6+** 4 **Kd5** 8 **51.Bf5** 0 **b1Q+** 29 White mates. **52.Bxb1** 3 **Kxe6** 13 **53.Bxa2+** 16 **Kxe7** 2 **54.Bd5** 10 **Kd6** 5 **55.Bc6** 2 **Re2** 23 **56.Kf1** 22 **Rb2** 8 **57.Kg1** 0 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.39
57...Ke5 58.Kf1 Less strong is **58...Kf5 59.Bd7+ Ke4 60.Bc6+ Ke3 61.Kg1+- Kd4 62.Kf1 Rc2 63.Ke1 Ke5 64.Kf1 Kf5 65.Bd7+ Kf6 66.Bc6 Rb2= 67.Bd7±** was worth a try. **67...Ke5= 68.Bc6 Kd6**
[68...Kd4 69.Kg1 Kc5]
69.Be8
[69.Kg1 Kc5 70.Kf1]
69...Kc5 70.Bc6 Kc4 71.Bd7 Kd3 72.Bc6+- Ke3± 73.Kg1 g6 74.Kf1 Kd4= 75.Be8? Ke4 76.Bc6+ Kf5+- 77.Bd7+± deserves consideration.
77...Ke5 78.Bc6 Rc2
[78...g5 79.hxg5 hxg5]
79.Be8
[79.Bf3]
79...Kf6? 80.Bc6 g5 81.hxg5++- Better is **81...Kxg5±**
[81...hxg5 82.Be4 Rb2]
82.Bd7 Rd2 83.Bc8 Rd8 84.Bb7 Kg4∓ 85.Kf2= Predecessor: **85...Rd2+ 86.Ke3 Rb2 87.Bc6 Kxg3**
[87...Kf5 88.Kf3 Rb3+ 89.Kg2 Kf6]
88.Kd4 h5 89.Kc5 h4 90.Bd7 Kf4 91.Kd6
[91.b6]
91...h3
[91...Ke4 92.Kc6 Rc2+ 93.Kd6 Rd2+ 94.Kc6 Ke5]
92.Bxh3 ½-½ (38) Druska,J (2493)-Bartel,M (2611) Reykjavik 2021
92...Rxb5 93.Bd7 Rh5 94.Be8∓ Rh1!? 95.Bf7 Rd1+± 96.Ke6 Ra1 97.Kd5 Kf5 98.Be6+ Kf6 99.Bh3 Ra5+ 100.Kd4 Rh5 101.Bc8 Ke7 102.Ke4 Kd6 103.Kf4 Rc5 104.Bg4 Rc4+ 105.Kf5 Rxg4 106.Kxg4
1-0

121 **E04**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (2.3) 11.11.22
[TA]

Rapid 15min+10sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 2 **e6** 2 **3.Nf3** 0 **d5** 1 **4.g3** 1 **dxc4** 4 **5.Bg2** 1 **c5** 0 **6.0-0** 1 **Nc6** 1 **7.Qa4** 2 **Bd7** 1 **8.dxc5** 1 **Bxc5** 10 **9.Qxc4** 3 **Be7** 1 **10.Nc3** 8 **Rc8** 6 **11.Rd1** 10 **0-0** 59 **12.e4** 10 E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3. **12...Ng4** 1:19 **13.h3** 3 **Nce5** 33 **14.Qb3** 1 The position is equal. **14...Nxf3+** 13 **15.Bxf3** 0 **Ne5** 1 **16.Bg2** 1 **Qc7** 34 **17.Bf4** 3 Black must now prevent Bxe5. **17...Bc6** 1:33 **18.Nb5** 7 **Qa5** 49 **19.a4** 2:36 **Nd7** 2:47
[19...a6±]
20.Nd6 18
[20.Nd4!± Nb6 21.Nxc6 Rxc6 22.Bd2]

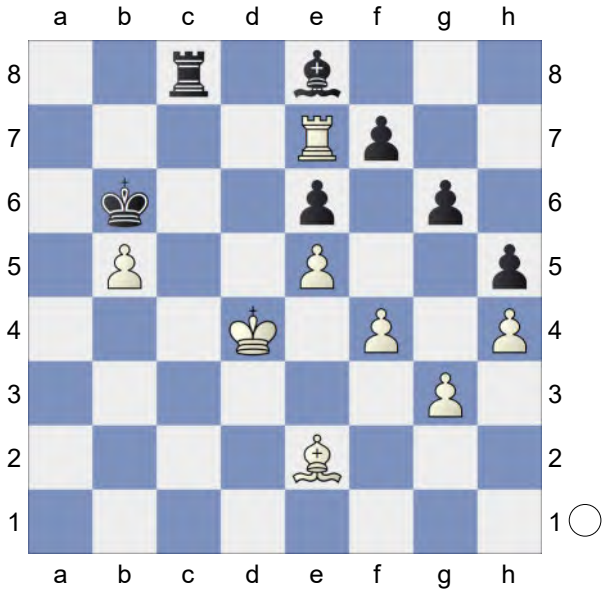


20...Ra8N 1:25
[20...Bxd6± 21.Bxd6 Rfd8]
[Predecessor: 20...Bxd6 21.Bxd6 Rfe8 22.Qa3 Qh5 23.b4 Nf6 24.Qe3 a6 25.g4 Qg6 26.f3 h6 1-0 (43) Beshukov,S (2469)-Wang,Y (2390) Moscow 2006]
21.Nxb7± 53 **Qb6** 4 **22.Qxb6** 35 **Nxb6** 0



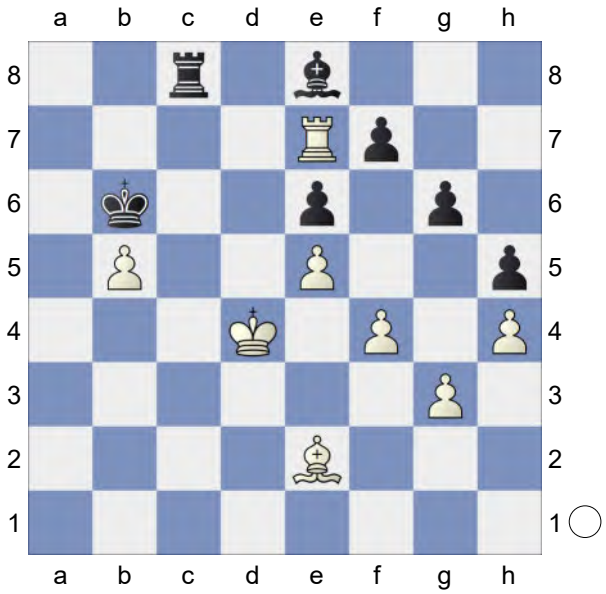
23.Rdc1! 4:48 **Bxa4** 2:37 **24.Rc7↑** 5 Keeping Black busy. **24...Bb4** 13 **25.Bd6** 1:05 **Bxd6** 36 **26.Nxd6** 0 **a5** 42
[26...e5± 27.f4 Bb3]
27.e5+- 1:55 **Rab8** 2 **28.Ra3!** 1 **Rfd8** 50 **29.b3!** 23
[29.Nxf7 Rd1+ 30.Kh2 Rd2±]
29...Be8 26 **30.Rxa5** 2 **Nc8** 47 **31.Rxc8** 3:29 **Rdxc8** 0 **32.Nxc8** 1 **Rxc8** 1 Endgame KRB-KRB **33.b4!** 12 **Kf8** 3 **34.b5** 34 Strongly threatening b6. **34...Rb8** 1:48 **35.Bf1** 11 **Ke7** 28 **36.f4** 2 **Kd8** 12 **37.Kf2** 28 aiming for Ke3. **37...Kc7** 6 **38.Ke3** 2 Kd4 is the strong threat. **38...Kb6** 8 **39.Ra6+** 8 **Kc5** 2 **40.Ra7** 2 **h5** 14 **41.h4** 7
[41.f5+-]
41...g6 11
[41...Bxb5± keeps fighting. 42.Bxb5 Rxb5 43.Rxf7 Rb3+ 44.Kf2 Rb2+ 45.Kf3 Rb3+ 46.Kf2 Kd4 47.Rxg7 Rb2+ 48.Kf3 Rb3+ 49.Kf2 Rb2+ 50.Kf1 Ke3]
42.Bd3 21

[42.f5+- is more deadly.]
42...Kb6± 45 **43.Re7** 7 White is much more active. **43...Kc5** 6
[Black should try 43...Ra8]
44.Be2! 29
[Don't do 44.Rc7+ Kb6 45.Re7 Kc5±]
44...Kb6 14
[44...Bxb5± 45.Bxb5 *(45.Rxf7 Bc6±)* 45...Rxb5 46.Rxf7 Rb3+ 47.Kf2 Kd4]
45.Kd4 38
[45.f5!+- and the rest is easy.]
45...Rc8 4
[45...Rd8+± was necessary. 46.Kc3 Kc5]



46.Bc4 25
[46.f5!+- is the precise move to win.]
46...Ra8 16 **47.Be2** 32
[47.Bd3±]
47...Rc8!+- 15

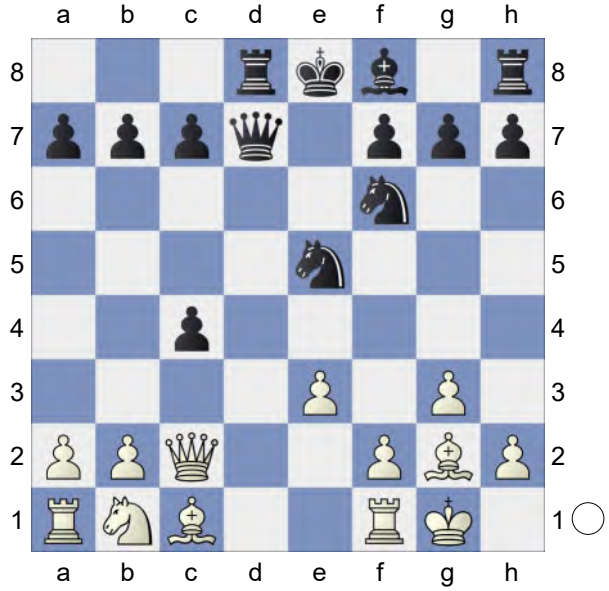
(Diagram)



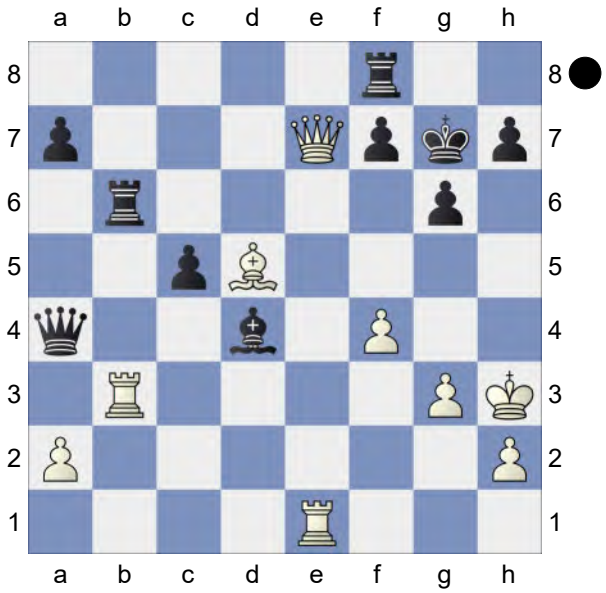
48.g4? 15
[48.f5!+-]
48...hxg4 0 **49.Bxg4** 0 And now Be2 would win. **49...Kxb5** 11 **50.h5** 4 **gxh5** 2 **51.Bxh5** 0 **Rc4+** 46 **52.Ke3** 4 **Rc3+** 7 **53.Kd2** 13 **Rc8** 1 **54.Bxf7** 6 **Bxf7** 0 **55.Rxf7±** 1 KR-KR **55...Kc6!** 13 **56.Ke3** 3 White wants to mate with Re7.
56...Rd8? 1:00 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[56...Re8=]
57.Re7 9 White mates. **57...Kd5** 1 **58.Kf3** 10 **Rg8** 15 **59.Rd7+** 3 **Kc5** 2 **60.Rd6** 2 **Re8** 3 **61.Kg4** 11 **Rg8+** 1 **62.Kh5** 5 **Rh8+** 3 **63.Kg5** 6 **Rg8+** 3 **64.Kf6** 3 **Rf8+** 2 **65.Kxe6** 2 **Rxf4** 0 **66.Rd5+** 14 **Kc6** 15 **67.Rd1** 1 **Rh4** 42 **68.Rc1+** 2 **Kb7** 1 **69.Kf7** 8 **Rf4+** 19 **70.Ke7** 1 **Rh4** 2 **71.e6** 1 **Rh7+** 2 **72.Kf6** 1 **Rh6+** 3 **73.Kf7** 2 **Rh7+** 1 **74.Kg6** 1 **Rh8** 4 **75.e7** 2 **Rc8** 2 **76.Rxc8** 2 **Kxc8** 2 **77.e8Q+** 2 **Kb7** 0 **78.Kf6** 2 **Ka7** 0 **79.Qb5** 3 **Ka8** 1 **80.Ke7** 1 **Ka7** 0 **81.Kd7** 1 **Ka8** 0 **82.Kc7** 1 **Ka7** 0 **83.Qa5#** 1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.27 (precise)
1-0

120 **E04**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (3.2)
[TA]

Rapid 15min+10sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 4 **e6** 3 **3.Nf3** 1 **d5** 2 **4.g3** 0 **dxc4** 1 **5.Bg2** 1 **Bd7** 0 **6.Ne5** 8 **Bc6** 3 **7.Nxc6** 1 **Nxc6** 0 **8.0-0** 1 **Qd7** 10 E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3. **9.e3** 7 **Rd8** 7 **10.Qc2** 3:00 outshines the older 10.Qe2. **10...e5** 4 White has an edge. **11.dxe5** 23 **Nxe5** 3

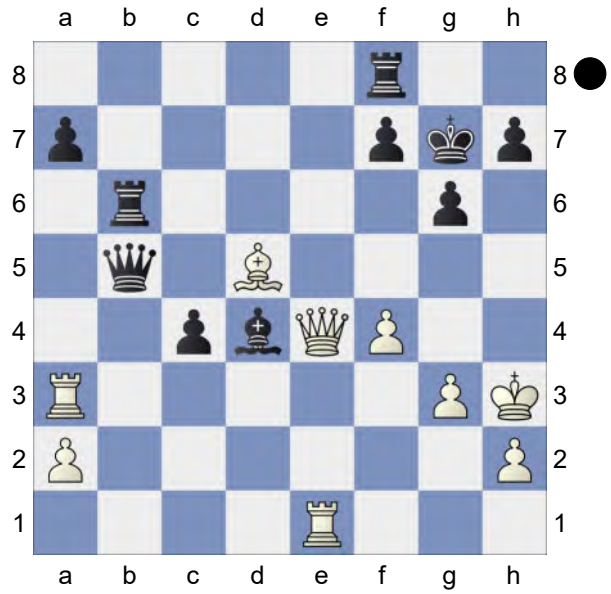


12.f4N 2
[12.Nd2±]
[Predecessor: 12.Nd2 c6 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Be7 15.b3 Qe6 16.Qc2 0-0 17.Bb2 Bd6 18.Rad1 1-0 (42) Gelfand,B (2676)-Kryakvin,D (2594) Lichess. org INT 2020]
12...Nd3∓ 3:39 And now ...Bc5 would win. Pair of Knights! **13.Qxc4** 54 **Bc5** 3
14.Nc3 4:44
[14.Bxb7∓ Qe7 15.Kh1]
14...Qe7!∓ 19 **15.Kh1** 12
[15.Bxb7? Nxc1 16.Rfxc1 *(16.Raxc1? Bxe3+ 17.Kg2 Bxc1-+)* 16...Bxe3+ 17.Kf1 *(17.Kh1? Bxc1 18.Bc6+ Kf8-+)* 17...Bxc1 18.Bc6+ Kf8 19.Rxc1 Ng4-+]
15...0-0 3:09 Active counter play!
[15...c6∓ ...h5 is the strong threat. 16.b4 Bxb4]
16.Bxb7∓ 1:39 **Bxe3** 1:13 **17.Nd5!** 1:07
[Much weaker is 17.Bxe3 Qxe3 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Nxb2∓]
17...Nxd5 3:32 **18.Qxd3** 3 **Bxc1** 4 **19.Bxd5** 1 **Bxb2** 6 **20.Rad1** 2 **Rd6** 1:31 **21.Rfe1** 1:09 **Qd7** 12 **22.Qf3** 8 **Bf6** 20 **23.Kg2** 10 **c5** 15 **24.Bc4** 1:26 **Bd4** 17 **25.Rb1** 21 **Rb6** 23 Prevents Rb7. **26.Qd5** 2 **Qc7** 32 **27.Rb3** 49 **g6** 20 **28.Qe4** 5 **Kg7** 11 **29.Qe7** 44 **Qc6+** 3 **30.Kh3** 1 **Qa4** 1:15 Chess con chili.
31.Bd5 1:08
[⌓31.Qe2]



31...c4 1:30
[Reject 31...Qxa2?! 32.Rxb6 Qxd5 33.Rb7=]
[31...Bf6!∓ 32.Qe4 Qd7+ 33.Kg2 Rd8]
32.Ra3 6
[32.Rxb6!= was the only way to keep the balance. axb6 33.Re4]

32...Qb5∓ 4 **33.Qe4** 2



Qd7+ 4
[⌓33...Bf6! 34.Bxc4 Qh5+ 35.Kg2 Rd8]
34.f5 27 **Bb2** 10 **35.Rf3** 1 **c3↑** 32 Hoping for ...c2! Black has strong initiative. **36.Bb3** 22 **Rb5** 17
[36...Qc6∓ Strongly threatening ... Qxe4. 37.Qd4+ Qf6 38.Qxf6+ Rxf6]
37.g4 6
[White should try 37.Ba4=]
37...h5∓ 11 **38.Kg2?** 54
[White should play 38.gxh5∓ Rxf5 39.Rxf5 Qxf5+ 40.Qxf5 gxf5 41.Re7]
38...hxg4-+ 13 **39.f6+** 2 **Kh7** 5 **40.Rf4** 12 **Rg5?** 24
[40...Rc8-+ 41.Bc2 Ba3]
41.Re2? 17
[41.Qe7!= and White has nothing to worry. Qc6+ 42.Kg3]
41...Ba3 9 **42.Qe3?** 42
[42.Ba4 might work better. Qd8 43.Rxg4 Qxf6 44.Rf2]
42...Bd6 10 **43.Re4** 12 **Rh5** 6 **44.Qxc3** 9 **Qf5** 18 **45.Qc4** 17 **Qf3+** 7 **46.Kg1** 9 **Bc5+** 1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/Black=0.21 (precise)
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122 **E06**
□ **Duda,J** **2725**
■ **Gledura,B** **2668**
FIDE World Rapid Team (3.3) 11.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qc2 -0.02/18
[6.0-0± 0.35/17]
6...a5 0.44/18
[6...c5= -0.02/18]
[6...Na6 7.0-0 Nb4 8.Qb3 dxc4 9.Qxc4 b5 10.Qb3 a5 11.Nc3 Rb8 12.Bf4 a4 13.Qd1 Bb7 14.Rc1 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 Nb6 17.Bf4 Rc8 18.Qd3 b4 19.Ng5 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Qxg5 21.Bxb7 1-0 (33) Kengis,E (2574)-Hertneck,G (2571) Bundesliga 9900 1999 (13.3)]
[6...a6 7.Bf4 dxc4 8.Qxc4 Nd5 9.Nc3 b5 10.Qd3 Bb7 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.Rc1 Ra7 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Rfd1 h6 15.b3 Bd6 16.e4 Bxf4 17.gxf4 Ba8 18.Qe3 Qb8 19.Ne5 Nf6 20.Rc5 Rd8 21.Rdc1 1-0 (31) Fridman,D (2576)-Mierins,E (2253) Keres Memorial rap 34th rapid 2025 (3)]
7.0-0± Nbd7 8.Nbd2 c5 The position is equal. **9.dxc5N**
[9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.a3 b5 11.e4 N5b6 12.Rd1 c4 13.e5 Bb7 14.Ne4 h6 15.Nc5 Bd5 16.Ne4 b4 17.Bf4 Qc8 18.Nd6 Bxd6 19.exd6 Qc6 20.Ne1 Bxg2 21.Nxg2 Nd5 22.Rac1 Rfc8 23.Qe4 N7f6 0-1 (45) Fernandez Garcia,G (2160)-Peng,L (2553) Titled Tuesday intern op 09th May Early blitz

2023 (1) 24.Qf3 c3 25.Be5 bxa3 26.bxc3 Nxc3 27.Qxc6 Rxc6 28.Kf1 Nxd1 29.Rxc6 a2 30.d5 Nxd5 31.d7 N1c3 32.Bxc3 Nxc3 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.d8Q a1Q+ 35.Ne1 Rxc8 36.Qxc8 Nd5 37.Qb7 Qf6 38.Kg2 Qe7 0-1 (45) Garcia,E (2160)-7. ♗h4 b6_71776 (2553) 125/114 2015 (1) 39.Qa6 Qb4 40.Nf3 a4 41.Qa7 f6 42.h4 h5 43.Qf7 Qg4 44.Nh2 Nf4+ 45.Kh1 Qd1+ 0-1 Garcia,J (2452)-Teran Alvarez,I (2404) XII It II Dos Hermanas ESP 2003 (1)]

9...Nxc5 10.Nb3 -0.24/18

[10.b3 0.20/18 was preferable.]

10...Nce4 11.Bf4 a4 12.Nbd4 Bc5 13.h3 -0.31/15

[13.e3= 0.13/16]

13...Qb6 0.11/18

[13...Bd7∓ -0.31/15]

14.Rfd1 -0.30/17

[⌓14.e3 0.11/18]

14...Re8 0.39/17

[14...Bd7= -0.30/17]

15.e3 Bd7 16.Ne5 Bc6 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.g4 0.43/18

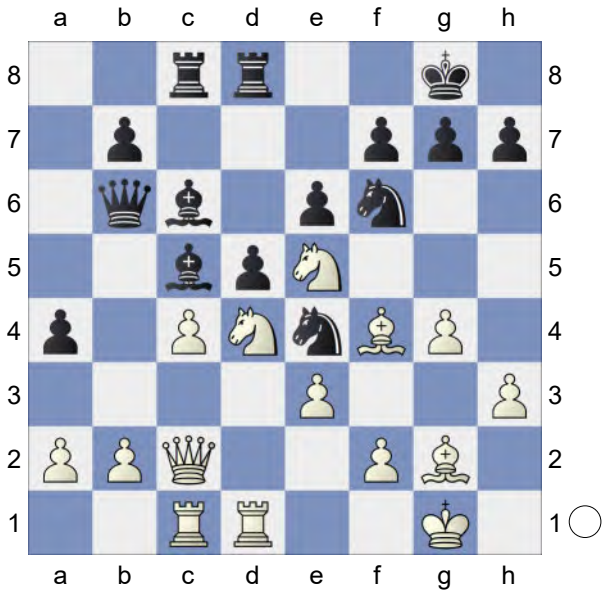
[18.h4± 0.81/19]

A mistake that costs the game.

18...Red8? 3.09/21

[Black should play 18...g5!± 0.43/18 19.Bh2 Qa5]

(Diagram)



19.g5 1.74/20

[⌓19.Ndxc6 3.09/21 bxc6 20.cxd5 *(20.Qxa4 g5∓; 20.g5 Nh5±)* 20...cxd5 21.g5 Deflection *(21.Qxa4 g5∓)*]

19...Ne8? 6.18/19

[19...Bxd4 1.74/20 20.Rxd4 Nh5]

20.cxd5 Bxd4 21.Nc4

[Weaker is 21.Qxe4 Bxe5 22.Qxe5 exd5 23.Bxd5 h6 24.gxh6 Bxd5 25.Rxc8 Rxc8+-]

[21.exd4 exd5 22.Bxe4 dxe4+-]

21...exd5? 7.23/21

[21...Bxd5 3.63/21 22.Nxb6 *(22.exd4? too greedy. Rxc4 23.Qe2 N4d6-+; 22.Rxd4 Rxc4 23.Rxc4 Bxc4+-)* 22...Rxc2 23.Rxc2 Bxb6]

22.Nxb6+- White is clearly winning.

22...Bxb6 23.h4 f5 24.b3 a3 25.b4 d4 26.exd4 Bxd4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=1.38

27.Qc4+

1-0

126 **E10**
□ **Vidit,S** **2720**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
Niemann-Vidit Blitz Day 1 (5) 28.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.Qc2 c5 8.dxc5
[8.Qxc4 is more complex. b6 9.dxc5 Ba6 10.Qd4]
[8.a3 Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 cxd4 10.Nxc4 0-0 11.Rd1 Nc6 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Rd2 Re8 14.Nfe5 Bd7 15.Rfd1 Qc7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Rxd4 b5 19.Ne3 Qxc2 20.Nxc2 Nd5 21.Kg2 Rec8 22.R1d2 Nb6 ½-½ (30) Vidit,S (2711)-Melkumyan,H (2660) IoM Masters Douglas ENG 2018 (9.11)]
8...Bxc5 9.Qxc4 White has an edge.
9...Nbd7 10.0-0 b6N
[10...0-0 11.a4 b6 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Qa2 Qe7 15.Ne1 Ba6 16.Nd3 Bc4 17.Qb1 e5 18.Nxc5 Nxc5 19.Bg5 Nb3 20.Ra3 h6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Rd1 Qe6 23.Bd5 Bxd5 24.Nxd5 Nd4 25.e4 ½-½ (57) Naymanova,P (2090)-Born,M (2375) Liffre op 2023 (2)]
11.Nc3
[11.Nd4!? Ne5 12.Qc2=]
11...Bb7 12.Rad1 0-0 13.Bg5

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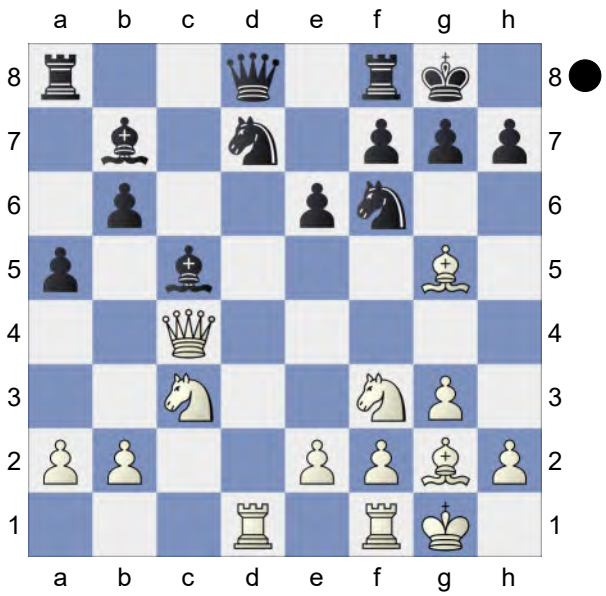
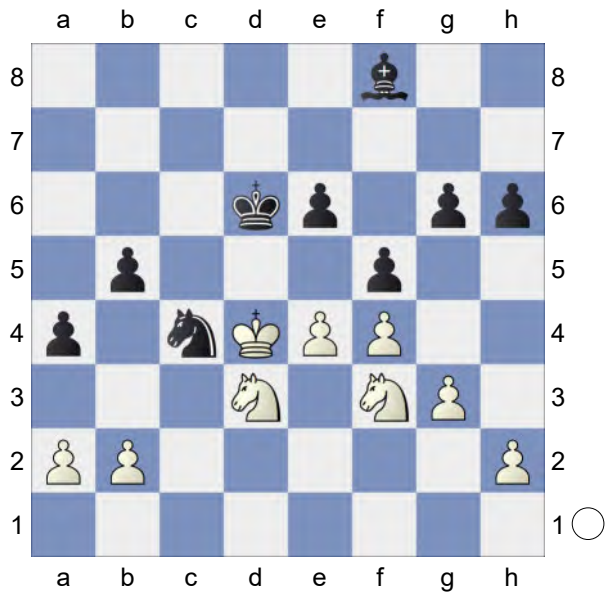


Qc8 14.Qf4 Qb8 15.Qxb8 Raxb8 16.Ne1 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 h6 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Nd3 Rfc8 20.Rc1 b5 21.Kf3 Bf8 22.Ne4 Nd5 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rc1 Rxc1 25.Nxc1= Endgame KBN-KNN **25...f5 26.Nd2 a4** Against Ndb3 **27.e4 Nb6 28.Nd3 Kf7 29.Ke3 Ke7 30.Kd4 Kd6 31.f4 g6** 0.54/21
[31...g5= 0.10/21 should be considered.]
32.Nf3!± Nc4? 3.39/23
[32...fxe4± 0.43/22 33.Kxe4 Nd7]

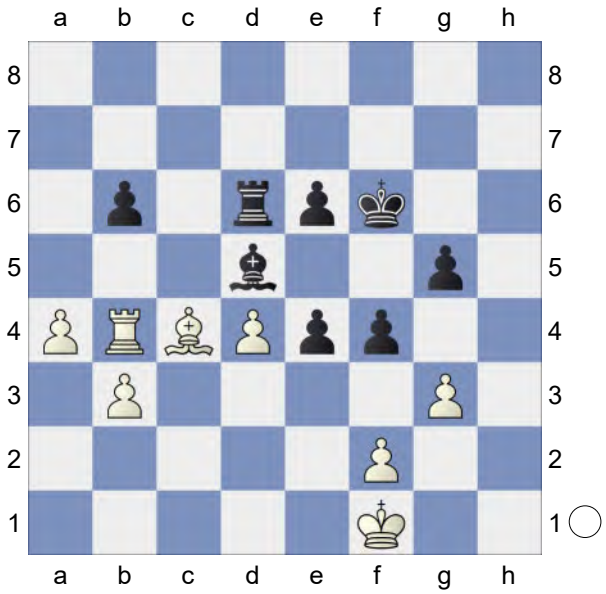
(Diagram)



33.b3? 0.01/23
[33.e5+!+- 3.39/23 Kc6 34.Nh4]
33...axb3!= 34.axb3 Na5 35.e5+ Kd7! 36.Kc3 Hoping for Nd4. **36...Nc6 37.Nd4 Nxd4 38.Kxd4** KB-KN **38...Kc6** Dodges Nc5 **39.h3 h5 40.h4 Be7 41.Ke3! Kd5 42.Nc1?** -7.84/25
[42.Ne1= -0.07/26]
42...Bc5+-+ 43.Kd3 Bf2 44.Ne2 Kc5 -3.95/28
[⌓44...b4 -9.40/26 45.Kc2 Ke4]
45.Kc3 Kd5? 0.01/22
[Black should try 45...Be1+-+ -4.90/24 46.Kc2 Kb4]
46.Kb4? -8.47/24
[46.Kd3= 0.01/22]
46...Ke4 And now ...Ke3 would win.
47.Kxb5 Kf3 48.Kc6 Kxe2 KB-KP **49.b4 Kf3 50.b5 Kxg3** -35.43/33
[⌓50...Bxg3 -#17/34 51.Kd7 Kxf4 *(51...Bxh4? 52.Kxe6 Kxf4 53.Kd6-+)* 52.Kxe6 Ke4 *(52...Bxh4? 53.Kd6-+)* 53.Kf7 Bxe5 *(53...Bxh4?* loses. *54.b6+-)* 54.Kxg6 f4 55.Kh6 f3 56.Kg6 f2 57.Kf7 f1Q+ *(57...f1R+ 58.Ke8 Kd5 59.Ke7 Bd6+ 60.Kd8 Ke6 61.Kc8 Rf7 62.b6 Bf4 63.Kd8 Rf8#)* 58.Ke8 Qxb5+ 59.Kd8 Bd6 60.Kc8 Qc6+ 61.Kd8 Qc7+ 62.Ke8 Qe7#]
51.Kd6 Kxf4 (-> ...Bd4) **52.Kxe6 Bd4** -35.82/30
[⌓52...Ke4 -#16/31 53.Kf6 Bd4 *(53...Bxh4+? 54.Kxg6 Kxe5 55.b6-+)* 54.Kxg6 Kxe5 *(54...Bxe5? 55.Kxh5 f4 56.Kg4-+)* 55.Kxh5 Kf6 56.Kh6 f4 57.h5 f3 58.b6 Bxb6 59.Kh7 f2 60.Kh8 Kf7 *(60...f1R 61.Kg8 Rh1 62.Kf8 Rxh5 63.Ke8 Rh7 64.Kf8 Rh8#; 60...f1Q 61.h6 Kg6 62.Kg8 Kxh6 63.Kh8 Qf8#)* 61.Kh7 f1Q *(61...f1R? 62.Kh6 Rf5 63.Kh7 Rxh5#)* 62.Kh6 Qb5 63.Kh7 Qxh5#]
53.Kf6 Bxe5+ -28.88/26
[⌓53...Ke4 -#14/32 54.b6 Bxe5+ *(54...Bxb6? 55.e6-+)* 55.Kf7 f4 56.b7 f3 *(56...Kf5? 57.Ke8-+)* 57.Kxg6 f2 58.Kf7 f1Q+ *(58...f1R+* is a self mate. *59.Ke6 Rf6+ 60.Kd7 Rb6 61.Ke7 Kf5 62.Kd7 Kf6 63.b8B Bxb8 64.Kc8 Ke6 65.Kd8 Be5 66.Ke8 Rb8#)* 59.Ke8 Qb5+ *(59...Qf2 60.Ke7 Qf6+ 61.Kd7 Kd5 62.b8Q Qe6+ 63.Kd8 Bf6+ 64.Kc7 Qc6#)* 60.Ke7 Qxb7+ 61.Ke8 Qg7 62.Kd8 Qf7 63.Kc8 Qc7#]
54.Kxg6 Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.21/ Black=0.81
54...Kg4
0-1

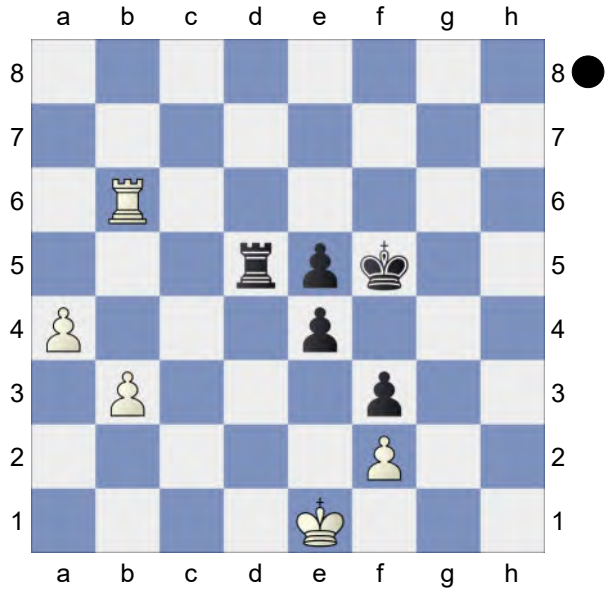
127 **E11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
Tata Steel India Rapid (2) 29.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7N
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 *(9.b3 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 f5 12.Rab1 Qe7 13.e3 b6 14.cxd5 Ba6 15.dxc6 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nf6 17.Nb5 Bc7 18.Nc4 a6 19.Nxc7 Qxc7 20.Ne5 Rfd8 21.Rc1* 1-0 Spies (2373)-12.b3 (2144) Dublin 1993 (5) *)* 9...Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zürich (rapid) 2009 Kh8 20.f3 Nf6 21.a4 Bxb4 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Rab1 Qe7 24.a5 Rc8 25.cxd5 Nxd5 26.Qb3 Rc7 27.e4 Nf6 28.Re1 fxe4 29.fxe4 Nd7 30.Nd3 Bg6 31.Rf1 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Kh7 33.Qc3 c5 34.Nf2 1-0 11...♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2813)-Warlick,J (2727) (m/2) 94/(448) 2005 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Nc3
The main line 9.Nc3 scores better than 9.Bc3. Die Hauptvariante 9.Sc3 punktet besser als 9.Lc3. **9...Ne4!?** Exploring less charted territory.Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **10.Nxe4 dxe4**
The position is equal. **11.Ne5 f5N**
[Vorgänger: 11...Nf6 12.Bg5 c5 13.e3 Qc7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Ng4 f5 16.Nh6+ Kg7 17.Qh5 Qd8 0-1 (40) Koloditsova,R (1908)-Havalda, S (1585) Trnava 2022]
12.Bf4 Bf6 13.h4 Qe7 14.Qc1 0.01/21
[14.Nxd7± 0.46/22 Qxd7 15.e3]
14...c5!= 15.e3 b6 16.Rd1 cxd4 17.exd4 Bb7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Be5 Rad8 20.Qf4 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qd6 22.Qxd6 Rxd6 23.c5 Rd5 With the idea ...Rf8-d8. **24.Rac1 Rfd8! 25.cxb6** -0.70/24
[25.f3!= -0.25/27 feels stronger.]
25...axb6∓ 26.Rc7 R8d7 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **28.Bf1 Kf7 29.Rc1 Kf6**
[29...Rxd4? 30.Rc7+ Kf6 31.Rxb7+-]
30.Rc4 Bd5 31.Rb4 Rd6 32.a4 -0.87/25
[32.Bc4∓ -0.48/21 is more appropriate.]
32...h6 -0.30/22
[Black should play 32...f4∓ -0.87/25 33.gxf4 Kf5]
33.Bc4= g5 34.hxg5+ hxg5 35.Kf1 -1.20/24
[35.Bxd5∓ -0.70/26 Rxd5 *(35...exd5 36.Rb5=)* 36.Kf1]
35...f4∓



Strongly threatening ...Kf6-f5. **36.gxf4?** -2.40/31
[36.g4∓ -0.77/26 was necessary.]

36...gxf4-+ 37.Ke2 Bxc4+ -0.21/21
[Black should try 37...Kf5-+ -2.91/25 White must now prevent ...Kf5-g4. 38.Bxd5 exd5]
38.Rxc4 KR-KR **38...e5 39.d5** -3.02/27
Kf5
[39...Rxd5 40.Rxe4 Kf5 41.Rb4=]
40.Rc6? -6.20/24
[40.Rc7 -3.03/21 Rxd5 41.Rf7+ Ke6 42.Rb7]
40...Rxd5 41.Rxb6 f3+ 42.Ke1



e3? 0.00/36 **43.fxe3= Ke4 44.Rb5! Rd3**
[44...Rxb5 45.axb5 Kd5 46.e4+ Kd6 47.Kf2 Kc5 48.Kxf3 Kxb5 49.Kg4]
45.a5? -7.99/25 White is on the road to losing.
[45.Kf1= -0.03/27]
45...Rxe3+-+
[45...Kxe3 46.Rxe5+ Kf4 47.Re7=]
46.Kf1 Rc3 47.a6 Rc1+ 48.Kf2 Rc2+ 49.Kf1 Ra2 50.Rb4+ Ke3 51.Ra4 Rh2 52.Kg1 Prevents Rh2-h1+ **52...f2+ 53.Kxh2 f1Q** KQ-KR
[53...f1R 54.a7 Rf8 55.a8Q *(55.a8B Rb8+-)* 55...Rxa8 56.Rxa8 e4 57.Kg3 Kd4 58.Rc8]
54.a7 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qf3+ 56.Kh4 Qa8 And now ...Ke3-f3 would win. **57.b4 e4** -7.70/20 **58.b5 Kf4** Black mates.
59.Kh5 Kf5
[59...Qg8 60.Rxe4+ Kxe4 61.a8R Qxa8 62.Kg6 Ke5 *(62...Qe8+* gets mated. *63.Kf6 Qe5+ 64.Kg6 Qe6+ 65.Kg7 Kf5 66.Kh7 Qf7+ 67.Kh8 Kg6 68.b6 Qh7#)* 63.Kg7 Kf5 *(63...Qb7+ 64.Kg6 Qb6+ 65.Kg7 Qf6+ 66.Kg8 Qg6+ 67.Kf8 Ke6 68.b6 Qf7#)* 64.b6 Qb7+ 65.Kh6 Qf7 66.b7 Qg6#]
60.Kh6 Qh8#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.47
0-1

125 **E10**
□ **Vidit,S** **2720**
■ **Moiseenko,A1** **2568**
FIDE World Rapid Team (12.4) 13.06.25
[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bd6 6.Qc2 c6 0.72/19
[6...0-0= 0.21/17 remains equal.]
7.Nc3± Nbd7 8.e4 White is better.
8...Nxe4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Qxe4 c5N
[10...Nf6 11.Qc2 b6 *(11...c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.b4 Be7 14.Bg2 a5 15.bxa5 0-0 16.0-0 Qc7 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.Rab1 h6 19.Ne5 Bc5 20.Nd3 Bd4 21.Rb5 Ra7 22.Bf4 Qe7 23.Qb3 Ne8 24.c5 Nc7 25.Rb6 Ne8 26.Qb4* 1-0 (51) Liu,M (1776)-Chapter (1961) Bruxelles II 42/408 1986 (9) *)* 12.Bg2 Bb7 13.c5 Be7 14.0-0 bxc5 15.dxc5 a5 16.Bc3 0-0 17.Ng5 g6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Bf6 20.Rfd1 Qe7 21.Be5 Rfc8 22.Rd6 Kg7 23.Rad1 Rc7 24.g4

Bxe5 25.Qxe5+ 1-0 (71) Deac,B (2598)-Istratescu,A (2565) 139/173 Romania 2018]
[10...0-0 11.Bd3 Nf6 12.Qh4 b5 13.Bg5 h5 14.c5 Bxc5 15.0-0-0 Be7 16.g4 Mohandesi,S (2628)-Classical Ne4 (2538) B4) 5.♗d2]

11.dxc5 0.15/18
[11.Bg2± 0.85/18]

11...Nxc5= 12.Qe3 0-0 13.b4 Nd7 14.Bg2 0.19/18
[14.c5± 0.60/20 Be7 15.Rc1]

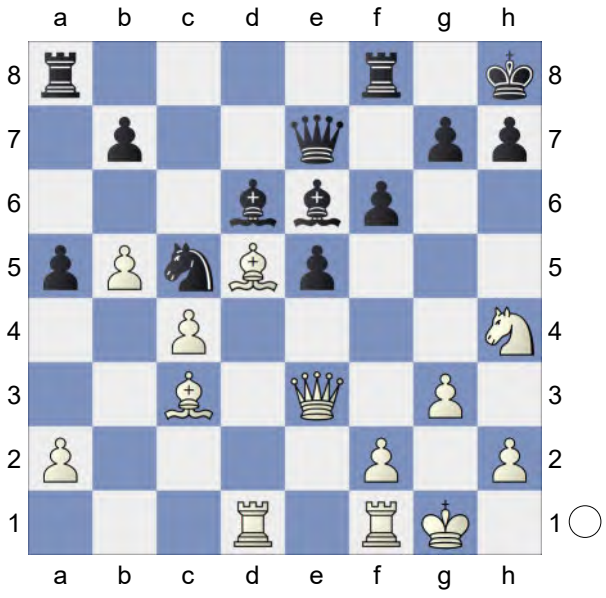
14...a5! 15.b5 e5 Threatens to win with ...Bc5. **16.0-0 Qe7 17.Bc3** 0.01/19
[17.Rae1± 0.46/19]

17...f6 0.50/18
[17...e4= 0.01/19 deserves consideration. 18.Nd4 f5]

18.Rad1 -0.17/19
[18.Nd2± 0.50/18]

18...Nc5 0.27/22
[⌓18...Nb6 -0.17/19]

19.Nh4 Be6 20.Bd5 Black must now prevent Nf5. **20...Kh8** 0.73/19
[20...Rf7= 0.01/21]



21.Bxe6 0.10/16
[21.Qf3!± 0.73/19]

21...Qxe6 22.Rd5 -0.24/21
[White should try 22.Nf5 0.28/23 Qxf5 23.Rxd6]

22...b6 0.62/20
[22...Na4= -0.24/21]

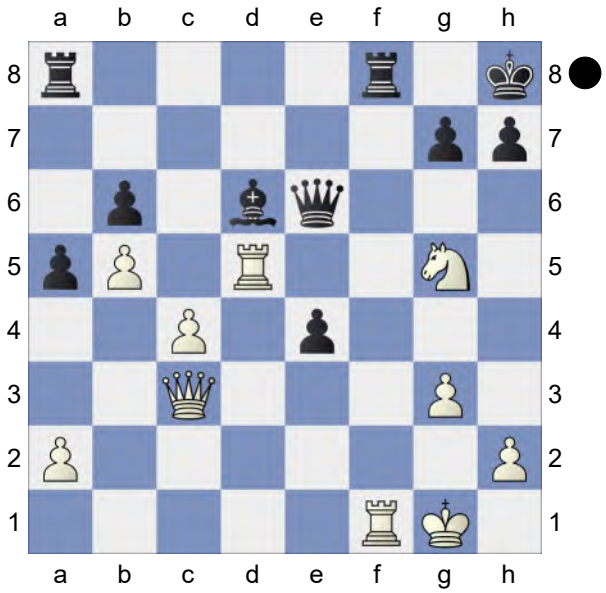
23.f4 0.01/20
[23.Rfd1± 0.62/20 Be7 24.Bxe5]

23...Na4! 24.fxe5? -1.69/23
[24.Bd4= 0.09/20 and White has nothing to worry.]

24...fxe5-+ 25.Nf3? -4.48/26
[25.Bxe5? Bc5 26.Rd4 *(26.Rxf8+? Rxf8 27.Rxc5 Nxc5-+)* 26...Kg8-+ *(26...Bxd4? 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Qxd4-+)*]
[25.Nf5∓ -1.32/23 Rxf5 26.Rxf5 Qxf5 *(26...Nxc3 27.Rxd6 Qxf5 28.Qxc3∓; 26...Bc5 27.Rxc5 Qxf5 28.Rxe5±)* 27.Rxd6]

25...Nxc3 26.Qxc3 e4 Prevents Qd3
[Weaker is 26...Bc5+ 27.Kg2∓]

27.Ng5



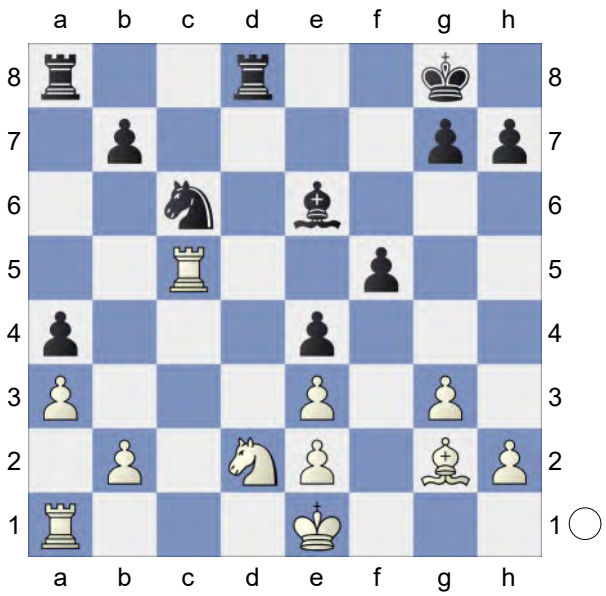
Rxf1+ 0.01/18
[27...Qg6!-+ -4.25/24 28.Qc2 Bc5+ 29.Kg2 Rxf1 30.Kxf1 h6 *(30...Rf8+? 31.Kg2-+)* 31.Qxe4 Rf8+ 32.Kg2 Rf2+ 33.Kh1 Rf1+ 34.Kg2 Rg1+ 35.Kf3 Qf6+ 36.Kg4 hxg5]

28.Kxf1= Rf8+ 1.13/21
[28...Qg6= -0.01/23 29.Kg2 Re8]
White leaves nothing to chance now.
29.Kg2± Qe7 1.10/22
[⌓29...Qg6 0.72/23]
30.Qe3→ 0.43/23 White attacks.
[30.Qc2± 1.10/22]
30...Qf6? 1.98/25
[30...h6!± 0.43/23 31.Nxe4 *(31.Qxb6?* too greedy. *hxg5 32.Qe3 Qf7-+)* 31...Re8]
31.Qe2!+- Active counter play! **31...Bc5?** 3.19/27
[31...Bb4 1.66/22]
32.Nxe4
[32.Qxe4? Qf1#]
32...Qe6 33.Qd3 Qf7? 9.97/23
[33...Be7 2.40/23 34.Rd7 Qe5]
34.Nxc5 Qf2+ 35.Kh3 bxc5 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **36.Rd8 h5 37.b6 Rxd8 38.Qxd8+** KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **38...Kh7 39.Qd3+ g6 40.b7 Qb2 41.Qe4** Intending Qe7+ and mate. **41...Qf2 42.b8Q Qf1+ 43.Qg2 Qf5+ 44.g4 Qd3+** White mates. **45.Kh4 g5+ 46.Kxg5 Qg6+ 47.Kf4 Qf6+ 48.Kg3 h4+ 49.Kh3 Qc3+ 50.Kxh4 Qe1+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.95
51.Kh5
1-0

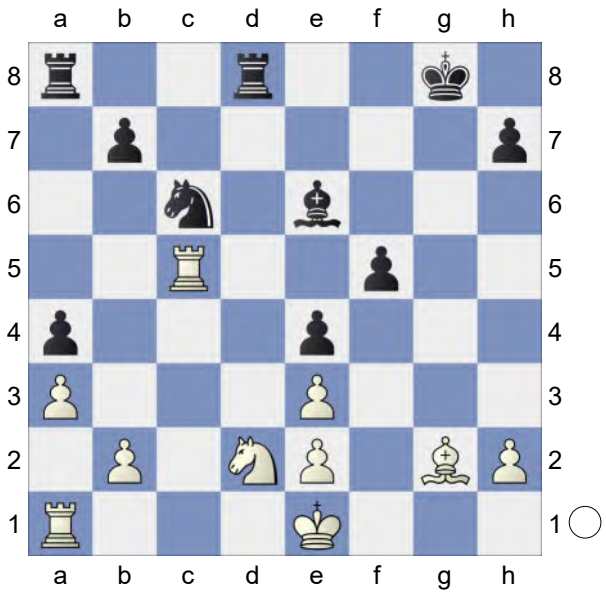
123 **E06**
□ **Vidit,S** **2720**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2644**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qc2 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5+ 8.Qc3 Qxc5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Qxc5 Bxc5 11.0-0
[11.Bd2 Nc6 12.Nc3 Rd8 13.a3 Be7 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Rd1 Bf6 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Nxg5 h6 18.Nh3 d4 19.Nf4 Bf5 20.0-0 Rac8 21.Rc1 g5 22.Nd3 Re8 23.Rfe1 Ne5 24.Rxc8 Bxc8 25.Nxe5 Rxe5 ½-½ (42) Fedoseev,V (2692)-Deac,B (2680) Bundesliga 2425 2024 (1.7)]
11...Nc6 12.Nbd2N
[12.a3 Bd7 13.Nbd2 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Nf3 Bb6 16.Bd2 Rac8 17.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Kf1 Bd7 21.Ke1 Ba4 22.e3 Kf8 23.Ng5 h6 24.Ne4 Bc6 25.Nc3 Ne7 26.Bxc6 Nxc6 ½-½ (28) Korchnoi Victor-Tal,M Ch World match (1/2) 1968 27.Ke2 Ke7 28.Na4 ½-½ Pihlajasalo,H-B223 Dxe6 62/382 Groningen 1994]
[12.Bd2 Rd8 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 f6 15.Rfc1 Be7 16.a3 e5 17.b4 a6 18.Nd2 Be6 E 06/04 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
12...Rd8 13.Nb3 Against e5 **13...Be7 14.Bg5** -0.62/23
[14.Rd1= -0.05/21]
14...f6∓ 15.Bd2 e5 16.Rfc1 a5 17.a3 a4 18.Nc5 Bxc5 0.01/21
[18...f5∓ -0.59/18 19.e4 Nf6]
19.Rxc5= Be6 20.Kf1? -2.68/21
[20.e3= 0.01/22]
20...Nde7? 0.01/20
[20...e4-+ -2.68/21 21.Ng1 Nd4]
21.Be3 -1.05/23
[21.Be1!= 0.01/20]
21...Nf5∓ 22.Ke1 e4 -0.01/24
[22...Na5∓ -0.88/22 23.Rc7 e4]
23.Nd2= Nxe3 24.fxe3 f5 0.60/24
[24...Na5= -0.01/25]

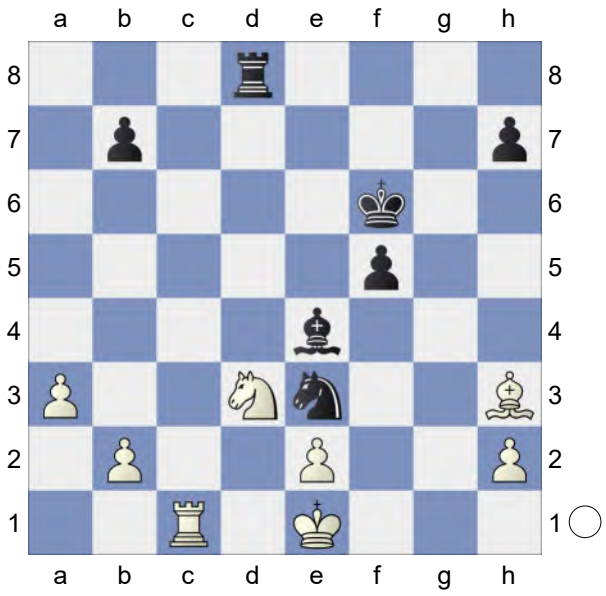
(Diagram)



25.g4!± g6
[25...Ra5 26.Rxa5]
26.gxf5! gxf5



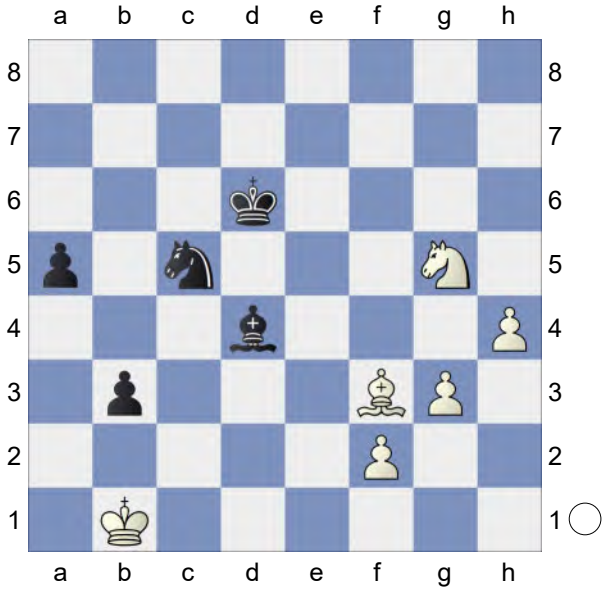
27.Bh3! And now Nxe4 would win.
27...Ra5? 3.26/21
[Better is 27...Na5!± 0.59/21]
28.Nxe4+- Kg7 29.Rxa5 1.75/20
[⌓29.Rac1 3.29/18]
29...Nxa5 30.Nc5 Kf6 2.95/20
[30...Bf7± 1.53/19 was necessary. 31.Nxa4 *(31.Bxf5 Rd5±)* 31...Nc4]
31.Nxa4? 0.78/21
[31.Nxe6+- 2.95/20 and White stays clearly on top. Kxe6 32.Rc1]
31...Nc4± 32.Rc1 0.40/17
[32.Nc5± 1.14/20]
32...Nxe3± White must now prevent ... Rd4. **33.Nc5 Bd5 34.Nd3** 0.23/20
[34.Rc3± 0.61/21 is more appropriate. Re8 35.Rd3]
34...Be4 0.87/21
[34...Kg5= 0.23/20 keeps the balance.]



35.Rc3!± Rg8 1.98/22
[35...Re8± 0.57/21]
36.Nf4 0.49/23
[White should play 36.Nc5+- 1.98/22 Ng2+ *(36...Rg1+? 37.Kf2+-)* 37.Kf2]
36...Rg1+? 7.30/23
[36...Ke5± 0.49/23 37.Nd3+ Kd4]
37.Kf2+- White is clearly winning.
37...Rh1 38.Rxe3 Rxh2+ 39.Kg3 Rh1 40.Bg2 Rb1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/Black=0.83
41.Bxe4
1-0

124 **E06**
□ **Vidit,S** **2720**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2729**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (7.3)
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
Inf 52/(497) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 h6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Rfe1 Bd5 14.Qd3**
The position is equal.
[14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Qc2 c6 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.Nd3 Re8 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Qxc5 Ne4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.e3 Qe7 22.Qc3 h5 23.b4 h4 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 hxg3 27.hxg3 cxb5 28.Qc8+ Kh7 ½-½ (42) Anandh,V (2045)-Modric,N (2128) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late blitz 2024 (2)]
14...Bxf3 15.Bxf3 c6 16.Rad1N
[16.Red1]
[16.e3 a5 17.Qc2 1. Quickstarter Guide-...d5 and ...e6: The Catalan:]
16...Qa5 17.Qc2 Rfd8 18.h4 Rd7 19.e3 Rad8 20.Rf1 h5 21.Kg2 g6 22.Qb3 Kg7 23.Qc2 e5 24.dxe5 Qxe5 25.Qb3 a5 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Rd1 Bb4 28.Rxd7 Nxd7 29.Ne4 Qf5 30.Qc2 Ne5 31.Be2 Qd7 32.Qd1 Qxd1 33.Bxd1= Endgame KBN-KBN
33...Nd3 34.b3 b5
[34...f5!? 35.Ng5□ Be7=]
35.Kf1 Kf8 36.Bc2 Ne5 37.Ke2 Ke7 38.Ng5 Nd7 39.Nf3 Bc3 40.Be4 Kd6 41.Ng5 f5 42.Bc2 Nc5 0.19/21
[42...Kc5∓ -0.33/22]
43.e4 Ne6 0.51/28
[43...Ke5= 0.10/21]
44.exf5± gxf5 45.Bxf5 Nd4+ 46.Kd3 Ba1 47.Bg6 0.21/22
[47.Ne4+± 0.77/25 Ke7 48.Bg6]
47...Nxb3= 48.axb5 0.08/23
[48.Ne4+± 0.46/22 should be considered. Ke6 49.Bxh5]
48...cxb5 49.Bxh5 aiming for Ne4+.
49...Nc5+ 50.Kc2 b4 This costs White the game. **51.Bf3?** -3.58/22
[51.Kb1= -0.16/19 Bf6 52.f4]
51...b3+-+ 52.Kb1 Bd4

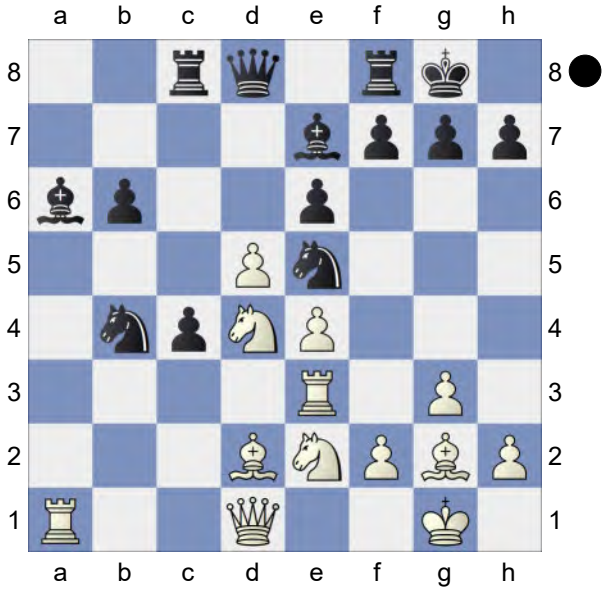


...a4! would now be deadly. **53.Ne4+?** -21.91/23
[53.Nf7+ -2.38/19 Ke7 54.Bd5]
53...Nxe4 54.Bxe4 a4 (-> ...Kc5!) **55.f4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.17 (very precise)
55...a3
0-1

128 **E06**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2716**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
Aimchess Play In op rapid (3) 12.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

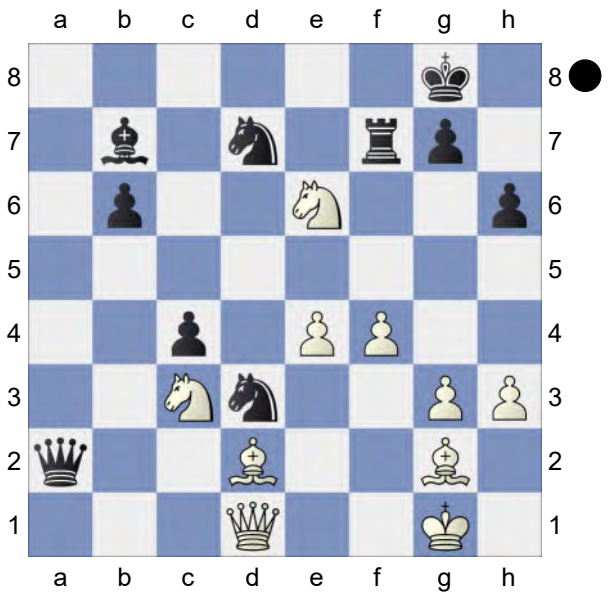
E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 a5

now supersedes 7...Nbd7. löst 7...Sbd7 inzwischen ab .now supersedes 7... Nbd7. löst 7...Sbd7 inzwischen ab. **8.b3 Nbd7N**
[8...b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 *(10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 20.Qc1 Nd7 21.Nb3 a4 22.Rd1 Be2 23.Rd2 axb3 24.Rxe2 Nxc5* 1-0 Navara,D (2689)-Yu,Y (2735) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (1) *)* 10...dxc4 *(10...Nbd7 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Nd2 c5 13.e3 cxd4 14.exd4 dxc4 15.bxc4 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Rxc4 17.Nb5 Nd5 18.Qe2 Qc8 19.Be4* 6. Closed Catalan-Closed Catalan After*)* 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.Ne5 Ba6 13.Qb3 Nd5 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Kg7 20.Qh4 h6 21.Ne4 Qd8 22.Nf6 N5xf6 23.exf6+ 1-0 Dudkova,J (1519)-Stavova,M (1284) CZE-ch U16 Girls 2023 (8)]
9.Bf4 b6 White is slightly better. **10.cxd5N**
[Predecessor: 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.e4 Bb4 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Nb5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Qe2 0.55/19 1-0 Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2500)-Bonte, A (2333) ROM-chT Mamaia 2021 (7. 1) 1-0 Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2500)-Bonte,A (2333) ROM-chT Mamaia 2021 (7.1) *(15.Qg4± 1.07/20)*]
10...Nxd5 11.Bd2 Ba6 12.Re1 Rc8 13.e4 Nb4 14.a3 Nd3 15.Re3 aiming for Bg2-f1. **15...c5** And now ... c5xd4 would win. **16.d5 c4 17.Nd4** -1.67/22
[17.b4!= -0.21/18]
17...N7e5 -0.97/17
[17...cxb3-+ -1.67/22 Strongly threatening ...Be7-c5. 18.Ncb5 *(18.dxe6? N7c5-+* Discovered Attack*; 18.Nc6? Rxc6 19.dxc6 N7e5-+)* 18...Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bc5]
18.b4∓ Dodges Be7-c5 **18...axb4 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Nce2** -1.02/19
[20.Qh5!∓ -0.64/20 might be stronger. Ned3 21.Na2]



20...Bb7!
[20...exd5 21.Bxb4 Bxb4 22.exd5± *(22.Rxa6 Ng4±)*]
21.dxe6 Nbd3 22.Ra7 Rc7 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Ne6 -2.00/21
[24.f4∓ -1.23/20 Ng4 25.Ne6]
24...Qb8-+ 25.Nxc7 Hoping for Ra7xb7! **25...Qxa7 26.Nf4 Bc5 27.Nce6 Bxe3 28.Bxe3 h6** Against Ne6-g5 **29.h3 Qa8 30.Nd5 Qa5 31.f4 Nd7 32.Bd2** -2.29/21
[32.Nd8∓ -1.31/19 Bxd5 33.exd5]
32...Qa2 33.Nc3

(Diagram)

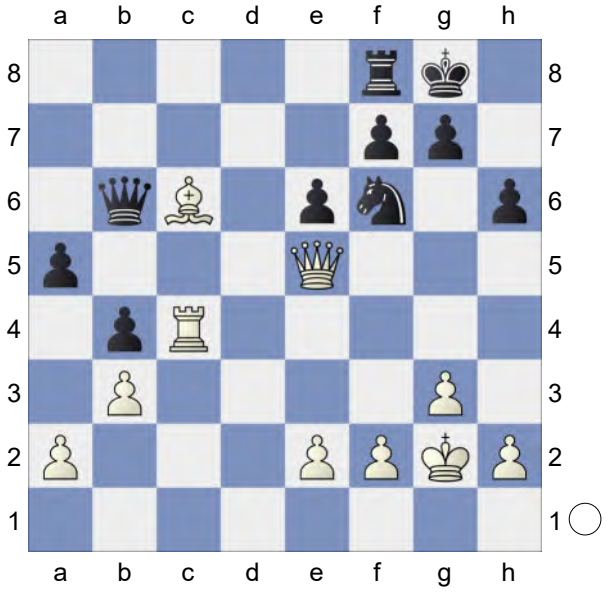


Qb2 0.00/24
[33...Qa8!-+ -1.80/20 Threatens to win with ...Nd7-f6. 34.Qb1 N3c5]
34.Nd8↑ White is pushing. **34...Nf6 35.Nxf7 Kxf7 36.e5 Bxg2 37.exf6 Bc6**
[37...Bxh3? 38.Qh5+ Kxf6 *(38...g6? 39.Qxh3 Qa1+ 40.Kh2+-)* 39.Qe8+- *(39.Qxh3 Kg6+-; 39.Qxh3 Kg6+-)*]
38.fxg7 Kg8 39.Qe2 Qa1+ 40.Nd1! Qd4+
[40...Kxg7? 41.Bc3++-]
41.Kf1? -11.22/28
[41.Kh2= 0.00/21 Qd5 *(41...Qxg7?* loses. *42.Qe6+ Qf7 43.Qxc6+-)* 42.g4]
41...Qd5!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
[41...Qxg7? is the wrong capture. 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Qxc6+-]
[41...Kxg7? perishes. 42.Bc3 Pin Kf7 43.Bxd4+-]
0-1

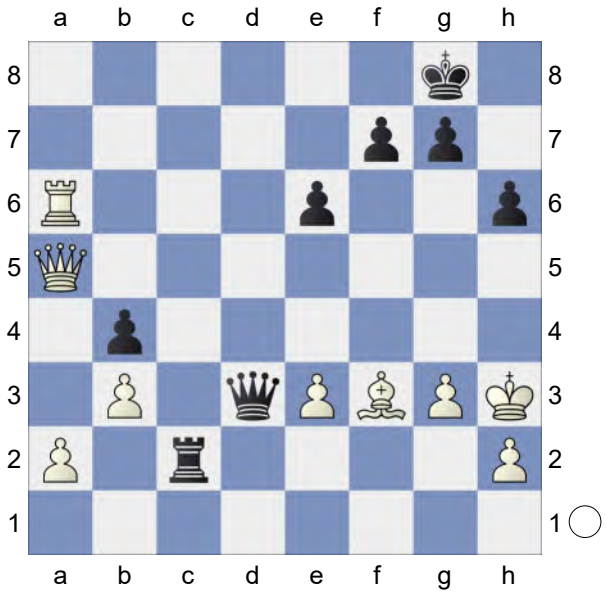
130 **E09**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2743**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (9.2) 07.03.24
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap rapid 2009 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (3)]
7...c6 8.b3 b6 9.Bc1 Nbd7 10.Bb2 a5 11.Qc2 Ba6 12.Nbd2 c5 13.Rac1 Rc8 14.Qb1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 b5 16.Nce5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qb6
Against Ne5-c6 **18.Rc2 Rc7** 1.00/21
[18...Rfd8!= 0.20/19 keeps the balance.]
19.dxc5!± Bxc5 20.Nd3 Bd6 21.Rxc7! Qxc7 22.Rc1 Qe7 23.Ne5 Bb7

24.Bxb7 0.57/22
[24.Nc6± 1.14/20 Bxc6 25.Rxc6 *(25.Bxc6 Rb8±)*]
24...Bxe5 0.93/26
[24...Qxb7± 0.57/22 25.Nc6 Ra8]
25.Bc6 Bxb2 26.Qxb2 b4 27.Qe5 Qd8 28.Rc4 h6 29.Kg2 Qb6



30.Bf3! Qd8 1.46/23 **31.Rd4** 0.81/22
White has more active pieces.
[⌓31.h4 1.46/23]
31...Qb6 32.Rc4 Against Rf8-c8
32...Qd8 1.52/24
[Black should play ⌓32...Nd7 0.97/23 33.Qc7 Rd8]
33.Rc6 Re8 1.86/23
[33...Nd5± 1.23/23 34.Bxd5 exd5]
34.Ra6 Nd5 35.e3 1.43/22
[35.h4+- 1.84/21]
35...Re7 36.Qd4 1.29/21
[36.e4+- 1.68/20 Nc3 37.a4 *(37.Rxa5 Rc7±; 37.Qxa5 Qxa5 38.Rxa5 g6±)*]
36...Rd7 37.Qc5 Rc7? 2.57/23
[37...Kh7± 0.93/19 might work better.]
38.Qxa5+- Black must now prevent Ra6-a8. **38...Nxe3+ 39.fxe3 Rc2+ 40.Kh3 Qd3**



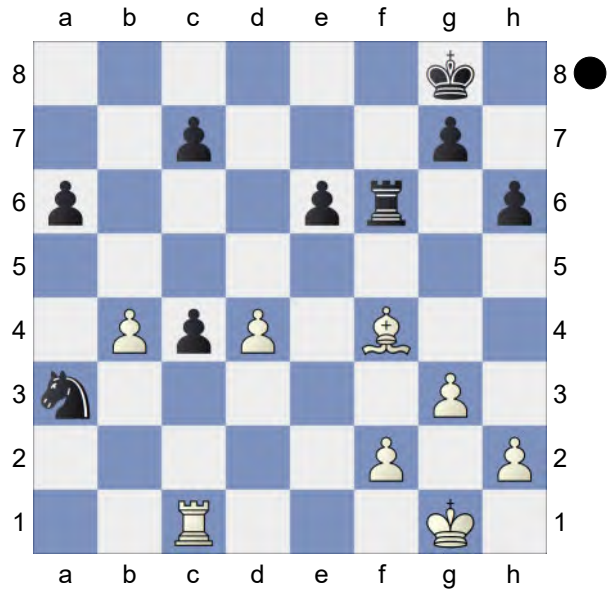
And now ...Qd3-f1+ would win. **41.Ra7?** 0.00/24
[41.Ra8+!+- 4.08/31 Kh7 42.Rh8+ Decoy, Clearance *(42.Qxb4? Qf1+ 43.Kg4 Rxh2-+)* 42...Kxh8 43.Qa8+ *(43.Qxb4? Qf1+ 44.Kg4 f5+ 45.Kf4 Rf2-+)* 43...Rc8 44.Qxc8+ Kh7 45.Qb7 Qf1+ 46.Bg2]
41...Qf1+=
[41...Qxe3? 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Rxf7+-]
42.Kg4 Rf2 0.37/25
[42...Qd3= 0.00/24 43.Qe5 *(43.Qxb4? Qf5+ 44.Kh4 Rxh2#)* 43...Rf2]
43.Qd8+± Kh7 44.Rxf7 h5+! Deflection
[44...Kg6 45.Rf6+ Kh7 46.Be4+ *(46.Rxe6 Rxf3 47.Qd5 Rf8±; 46.Rxe6 Rxf3 47.Qd5 Rf8=)*]
45.Kxh5 White threatens Rf7xg7+! and mate.
[45.Kh4 simplifies Rxf3 46.Rxf3 Qxf3 47.Qg5]
45...Rxf3 Endgame. KQR-KQR **46.Rf4**
[46.Rxf3 simplifies Qxf3+ 47.Kh4 Qxe3 48.Qg5]
46...e5⇄ Black puts up resistance

47.Rxf3
[47.Rxb4? gets mated. Qh3+ *(47...Rxe3? is the wrong capture. 48.Kg5+-)* 48.Rh4 Qf5+ 49.Qg5 g6#]
[47.Rh4 Rxg3 48.Qd7 Qf6 *(48...Rxe3 49.Kg5+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Qf8 51.Rh8+* Deflection *Kxh8 52.Qxf8+ Kh7 53.Qf5+ g6 54.Qd7+ Kg8 55.Kxg6; 48...Qd1+? 49.Qg4-+; 48...Rxe3 49.Kg5+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Qf8 51.Rh8+* Deflection *Kxh8 52.Qxf8+ Kh7 53.Qf5+ g6 54.Qd7+ Kg8 55.Kxg6; 48...Qd1+? 49.Qg4-+)*]
47...Qxf3+= KQ-KQ **48.Kg5! Qxe3+ 49.Kf5** Qd8-h4+ is the strong threat. **49...Qf3+ 50.Kxe5 Qe2+ 51.Kf5** aiming for Qd8-h4+. **51...Qf2+ 52.Ke6** Hoping for Qd8-h4+. **52...Qe2+ 53.Kf5 Qf2+ 54.Ke6** Qd8-h4+ would now be deadly. **54...Qe2+ 55.Kd7 Qxh2 56.Qh4+** 0.00/49
[56.Qb8± 0.42/23]
56...Qxh4 The position is equal. **57.gxh4** K3P-KPP **57...Kg6** Strongly threatening ...Kg6-h5. **58.Ke6**
[58.Kc6!? Kh5□ 59.Kc5 Kxh4 60.Kxb4=]
58...Kh5 59.Kf7 Kxh4 Threatens to win with ...g7-g5. **60.Kxg7**
[60.Kg6!?]
60...Kg5 61.Kf7 White wants to mate with Kf7-e7. **61...Kf5! 62.Ke7 Ke5 63.Kd7 Kd5!** Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

129 **E05**
□ **Cheparinov,Ivan** **2715**
■ **Urkedal,Frode Olav Olsen** **2535**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (2.2) 25.09.18 *[TA]*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 5 C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Bd6 11.Re1**
[11.Ng5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nbd7 13.e4]
11...Be4 12.Qc1 LiveBook: 11 Games **12...Bb7**
[12...Nbd7]
13.a3
[13.Bg5]
13...Nbd7 14.b4N
[14.Ba5 Rc8 *(14...Qe7 15.Bxc7 Rac8 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qd1; 14...e5 15.Nxe5 Bxg2 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Kxg2)* 15.Nbd2 Qe7 16.b4]
14...Qc8
[14...Nb6 15.Nc3 Ne4 16.Qc2 Nxc3 *(16...f5 17.Ng5)* 17.Ng5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 g6 20.Qh4 h5 21.g4]
15.Nc3 Ne4
[15...e5 16.e4 Re8 17.Qc2]
16.Nxe4
[16.Qc2 f5 *(16...Nxc3 17.Bxc3 f5 18.e4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 fxe4 20.Ng5 Nf6 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 g6 23.Nxe6)* 17.Ng5 Nxc3 18.Bxc3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Nb6 20.e4 1/2-1/2 (32) Anand,V (2768)-Grischuk,A (2766) Saint Louis 2018 h6 21.Nf3 Qb7 22.Re2 Nc4 23.Nd2]
16...Bxe4 17.Ng5 Bxg2 18.Qc2 f5 19.Kxg2 Nb6 20.e4
[20.Qc6 Nc4 21.Bf4 Qe8]
20...h6 21.Nf3 Qb7 22.Re2 Nc4

23.Rae1 Rf7
[23...fxe4 was called for. 24.Rxe4 *(24.Qxe4± Qxe4 is interesting. 25.Rxe4 Rxf3)* 24...Qd5]
24.Nh4 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Be7 26.Kg1 Bxh4 27.Rxh4 Raf8 28.Bf4 Qd5 29.Rg4 Rf6 30.Rg6↑ White is on the roll. **30...Nxa3 31.Qd3 Qc4 32.Qxc4 bxc4 33.Rxf6 Rxf6 34.Rc1**



And now Nf6+! would win. **34...g5 35.Be3 Rf7 36.Rc3+- Nb5 37.Rxc4 Rd7 38.g4 Kf7 39.Kg2 Nd6 40.Rc5 Nb5 41.h4** White is clearly winning. **41...gxh4 42.Rh5 Nxd4 43.Rxh6 Nc2 44.Rh7+ Ke8 45.Rh8+ Kf7 46.Bc5 Ne1+ 47.Kf1 Nd3** Precision: White = 66%, Black = 32%. **48.Rh7+ Ke8 49.Rh8+ Kf7 50.Rh7+ Ke8 51.Rh8+ Kf7**
1-0

131 **E04**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2717**
Bundesliga 2023-24 (10.4) 24.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
When Kramnik was the champion of Classical Chess and Topalov the FIDE champ, it was possible to organize a reconciliation match. Kramnik gave up the advantage of keeping the title, if the score ended equal. A match of twelve games was played in Elista during the autumn of 2006.
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' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc1 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 c6 9.a4** White has an edge. **9...b5 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Qg5 0-0** ...Bc8-a6 would now be deadly. **12.Qxb5 Ba6 13.Qc5N** A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 13.Qxa5 Bb7! 14.Qxd8 Rxa1 *(14...Rxd8 15.Rxa8 Bxa8 16.Nbd2 Bd5 17.0-0 Nc6 18.Rc1 Na5 19.Ne5 Nd7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Ra1 Nb7 22.e3 Kf8 23.Ra7 Nc5 24.Rxd7 Nxd7 25.e4* 1-0 Al Hosani,O (2216)-Liu,Y (2328) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (6)*)* 15.Qxf8+! Kxf8 16.0-0 aiming for Nf3-e5. Ra2 17.Nc3 Rxb2 18.Rc1 Nbd7 19.Kf1 Nb6 20.Nd1 Rb4 21.Nd2 c3 22.Nxc3 Bxg2+ 23.Kxg2 Rxd4 24.Nf3 ½-½ Svane,R (2625)-Wang,H (2709) FIDE World Cup 2023 (4.4)]

[13.Rxa5? Bxb5 14.Rxa8 Bc6-+]

[13.Qa4 Qb6 14.0-0 Qxb2 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Nxc4 Bxa4 17.Nxb2 Bb5 18.Ne5 Ra7 19.Bf3 *(19.Nbc4 Nbd7 20.Nxa5 Bxe2 21.Rfe1 Bh5 22.Nac6 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Nd7 25.f4 Re8 26.Ra7 Nc5 27.Kf2 Kf8 28.Ke3 Bg6 29.g4 Rc8 30.Ne7 Rd8 31.f5 exf5 32.gxf5 Bh5 33.Nc6 Rc8* 1-0 4.Nf3 g6 5.Nbd2 (2718)-Neumann,J (2600) EU-ch33 corr 1984 (1.2) *34.Bd5 h6 35.Kd4 Nb3+ 36.Bxb3 Rxc6 37.Ra8+ Ke7 38.Ba4 Bf3 39.Ra7+ Kf8 40.Bxc6 Bxc6 41.Kc5 Be4 42.Kd6 g5 43.e6* 1-0 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2718)-Neumann,J (2600) EU-ch33 corr 1984 (1.2)*)* 19...Nbd7 20.Nec4 Rb8 21.Rfb1 g5 22.e3 g4 23.Bd1 Bc6 24.Rc1 Be4 25.Na4 Rb4 26.Nd6 Bf3 27.Bxf3 gxf3 1-0 Kramnik,V (2740)-Topalov,V (2810) World Championship 2006 (1) 28.Nc8 Ra8 29.Ne7+ Kg7 30.Nc6 Rb3 31.Nc5 Rb5 32.h3 Nxc5 33.Rxc5 Rb2 34.Rg5+ Kh6 35.Rgxa5 Rxa5 36.Nxa5 Ne4 37.Rf1 Nd2 38.Rc1 Ne4 39.Rf1 f6 40.Nc6 Nd2 41.Rd1 Ne4 42.Rf1 Kg6 1-0 Hantel,T (2743)-11... ♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2813) Antwerp InventiChess 2011 (1)]

13...Nbd7 Prevents Nf3-e5 **14.Qa3 Bb7 15.Nbd2 Nb6 16.0-0 Ne4 17.Nb1 Nd5 18.Rc1 Nb4** 0.67/21

[18...Nb6= 0.08/22]

19.Rxc4± Nd6 20.Rc5 Ne4 Dodges Nb1-d2 **21.Rc1 e5 22.Qe3**

[22.Nxe5?! Qxd4 23.Ng4 Nc2=]

[22.dxe5 Nc2 *(22...Qb6 23.Qe3±)* 23.Qb3 *(23.Rxc2 Qd1+ 24.Bf1 Qxc2-+)* 23...Nxa1=]

22...exd4 23.Qxd4

[23.Nxd4 Re8±]

23...Qb8 24.Nc3 Re8 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Qc5 Prevents Nb4-c2 **26...Ra6 27.Nd4** Strongly threatening Bg2xe4.

[27.Rxa5? Rc6 28.Qg5 h6-+]

27...Bxg2 28.Kxg2 g6 29.Kg1 0.80/21

[29.Rxa5 Qa8+ 30.Kg1 Rxa5∓]

[⌓29.Rc4 1.25/22]

29...Rd6± 30.Qc4

[30.Rxa5?! Rd5 31.Qxd5 Nxd5 32.Rxd5 Qxb2=]

30...Qb6 1.31/26

[⌓30...Qa8 0.95/22]

31.e3! Rb8 1.57/24

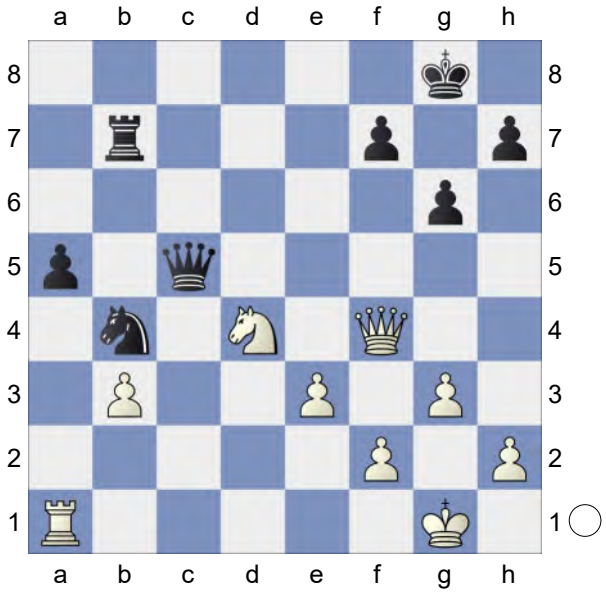
[⌓31...h5 1.12/21 32.Rc3 h4]

32.b3 Rd5 33.Qc7 Rb7 34.Qf4 1.29/21

[Better is 34.Qxb6+- 1.75/20 Rxb6

35.Kf1]

34...Rc5 35.Rxc5 Qxc5



36.Qe4 0.89/22

[⌓36.Rd1! 1.26/21]

36...Ra7 1.37/21

[⌓36...Rb8 0.89/22]

37.h4 h5 38.Rd1 Re7 Prevents Nd4-e6. **39.Qa8+**

[39.Qb1 simplifies Qc7 40.Qc1 Rd7 41.Qxc7 Rxc7 42.Kf1]

39...Kg7 40.Nf3 0.67/20 White is more active.

[40.Kg2± 1.09/22]

40...Qc6 1.46/22

[40...Nc6± 0.67/20]

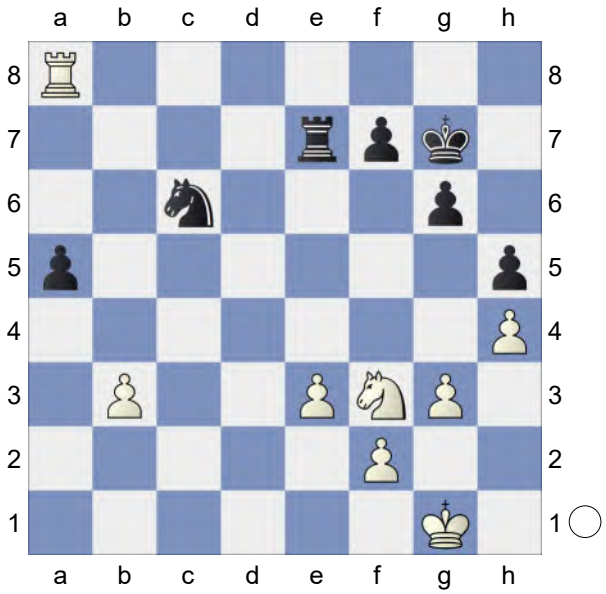
41.Rd8 Threatens to win with Rd8-g8+.

[41.Qxa5? perishes. Qxf3 42.Qa1+ Qf6 43.Qxf6+ Kxf6-+]

41...Qxa8 42.Rxa8 Endgame. KRN-KRN **42...Nc6** 2.72/22

[42...Rc7± 1.53/21 43.Rxa5 Nd3]

(Diagram)



43.Ra6!+- Rc7 44.Kf1 Kf8 45.Nd2 Ke7 46.Nc4 Kd7 47.Ke2

[47.Nxa5 Ne5 48.f4 Rc1+ 49.Ke2 Ng4±]

47...Ke8 48.Kd2 Rd7+ 49.Kc3 Rc7 50.Kd2 Rd7+ 51.Ke2 Rc7 52.Nxa5 Ne5 53.f4 Ng4 54.Nc4 Kf8 55.e4 Rb7 56.Ra3 Nf6 57.Nd6 Rb4 58.e5 Nd5 59.Kd3 Ke7 60.Ra4 Rb8 61.Kd4 Ke6 62.Ra6 2.46/19

[⌓62.Nxf7 4.93/19 Ne7 63.Nh6 *(63.Ng5+ Kd7+-)*]

62...Nb4 63.Ra4 Nc2+? 4.61/20

[63...f6 2.32/18 64.Nc4 Rd8+ 65.Kc3 Nd5+ 66.Kb2 fxe5 67.Nxe5 Ne7 68.Ra6+ Skewer Rd6 69.Rxd6+ Kxd6]

64.Kd3 White is clearly winning.

64...Nb4+ 65.Kc4 Nd5 66.Ra6 Nb4 67.Ra7 f6 68.Rg7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.21 (precise)

1-0

134 **E10**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2701**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2734**
Niemann-Dubov Levitov m blitz (16.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E16: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bg2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Ne5 a5 9.a3 Be7 10.b3 c5 The position is equal.

[10...Nbd7 11.Bb2 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Bxd5 exd5 15.Nf3 Nc5 16.Nd4 Qd7 17.Qc2 f6 18.b4 fxe5 19.bxc5 exd4 20.Bxd4 Qg4 21.Rad1 b5 22.c6 Qg6 23.Qxg6 hxg6 24.Be5 Bxa3 25.Rxd5 1-0 (50) Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy (2299)-Garifullina,L (2451) Masters Open 2024 (4.38)]

11.dxc5

[11.Bb2 Nc6 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.e4 Nf6 15.e5 Nd5 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Ne4 a4 18.Rc1 Qb6 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.Ng5 Qxb3 21.Nxf7+ Rxf7 22.Qxe6 Raf8 23.Qxc6 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Qd4 25.Qxd5 Rxf2 1-0 (47) Dubov,D (2696)-Bu,X (2725) ROW - China (m/1-rapid) 136/13 2018 26.Qxd4 Rxf1+ 27.Bxf1 cxd4 28.Bd3 g6 29.Rb7 Bxa3 30.Ra7 Re8 31.Rxa4 Bc5 32.Ra5 Rxe5 33.Kg2 Kg7 34.Rb5 Kf6 35.Bc4 h5 36.Ra5 g5 37.h3 g4 38.hxg4 hxg4 39.Ra6+ Ke7 40.Rg6 Re4 ½-½ (47) Dubov,D (2708)-Nihal,S (2673) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Early blitz 2023 (10)]

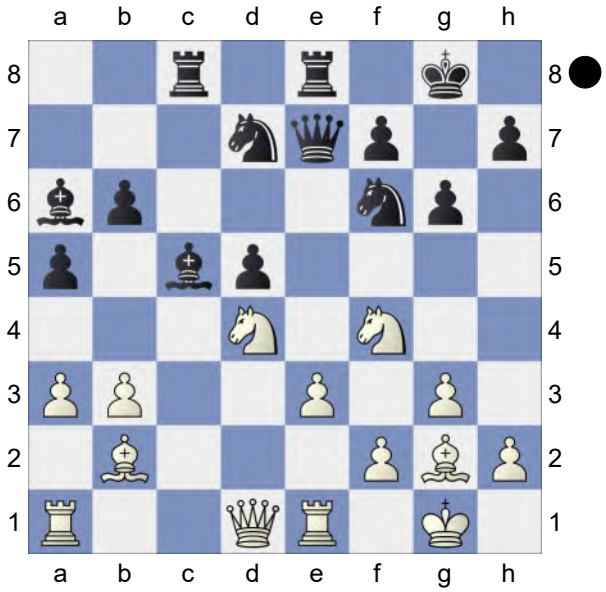
11...Bxc5 12.Bb2 Against Bd4 **12...Qe7 13.cxd5N**

[13.Nd3 Rd8 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qb7+ 19.Kg1 Be7 20.Rc1 b5 21.Nce5 Nd5 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.bxc5 f6 24.c6 Qe7 25.Nd3 Rc8 26.e4 Nb6 27.Qa5 Nc4 1-0 (76) Mikaelyan,A (2521)-Chandra,A (2469) Saint Louis Summer-B 2023 (5) 28.Qxb5 Nxb2 29.c7 Nc6 30.Nxb2 Qxc7 31.Na4 Qe5 32.Qxe5 fxe5 33.Nb6 Rc7 34.Rc5 Kf8 35.Nc4 Rc8 36.Nxe5 Ne7 37.Rb5 Rc1+ 38.Kg2 Nc6 39.Nd3 Rc4 40.e5 Kf7 41.Rb7+ Ne7 42.h4 Rc3 1-0 (76) Naniche (2521)-De Groen,M (2469) Tilburg Fontys 1996 (5)]

13...exd5 14.Nd3 Nbd7 15.Nf3 Rfe8 16.e3 Ba6 17.Re1 Rac8 0.73/19

[17...Ne4= 0.25/19 was preferable.]

18.Nd4 g6 Repels Nf5 **19.Nf4**



Ne5 20.b4

[20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Bxd5 Nd3∓]

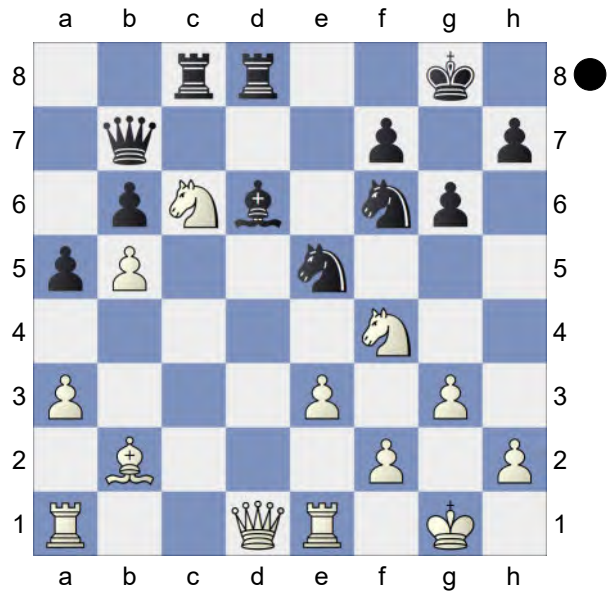
20...Bd6 21.Bxd5 b5 is the strong threat.

[21.b5!? Bb7□ 22.Nb3=]

21...Red8 1.43/21

[21...Bc4= 0.17/23 remains equal. 22.Nf3 Nxd5 *(22...axb4 23.Bxc4 Rxc4 24.axb4±)* 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Qxd5 Qe6]

22.b5± Bb7 23.Bxb7 0.52/21
[White should play 23.e4± 1.28/20]
23...Qxb7± 24.Nc6!↑

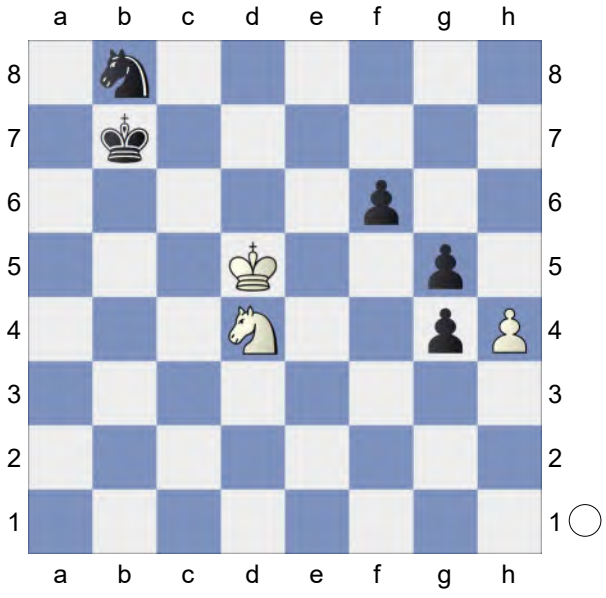


Discovered Attack. White has good play. This costs Black the game. **24...Rd7?** 3.64/20
[24...Be7!± 0.57/19 25.Bxe5 *(25.Nxd8 Nf3+∓)* 25...Rxd1 26.Raxd1 h5]
25.Nd5
[Weaker is 25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.Nd4 Qe4=]
25...Nxd5 26.Qxd5
[26.Bxe5? perishes. Bxe5 27.Nxe5 Nxe3-+]
26...Bb8 27.Qe4 Nxc6 9.32/22
[27...f5 2.94/20 28.Qf4 Nxc6 29.Qc4+ *(29.bxc6 Rxc6 30.Qa4 Rcd6±)* 29...Kf8 30.bxc6 Rxc6]
28.bxc6+- Qxc6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.67
29.Rac1
1-0

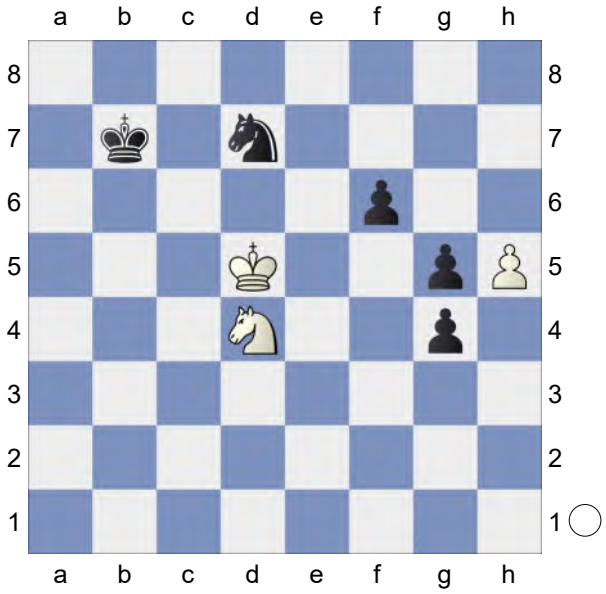
133 **E06**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2701**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2734**
Niemann-Dubov Levitov m blitz (18.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qa4 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Be4 11.Qc1 c6 12.e3N
[12.Rd1 Nbd7 13.Nc3 Bg6 14.Bg5 Rc8 15.a3 h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.b4 Qe7 18.Qb2 c5 19.bxc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Qxc5 12) Catalan 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4-10.Bd2 Be4 11.Qc1 c6 12.Rd1 # Lifetime Repertoires: Vigorito's Queen' 2024]
[12.a4 Nbd7 13.Nc3 Bg6 14.Nh4 Bh5 15.h3 Nd5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Qxa8 18.e4 Nb4 19.Bg5 Qd8 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Qe3 Rd8 22.Rc1 Nf8 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 Nd7 25.Kg2 h6 26.h4 Nb6 (34) Caruana,F (2828)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) (ch) 141/(167) 2019]
[12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.Nc3 Bg6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5 12) Catalan 7.Qc 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4-10.Bd2 Be4 11.Qc1 c6 12.Bf4 Lifetime Repertoires: Vigorito's Queen' 2024]
[12.Nc3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Qxd4 14.Be3 Qd8 15.a4 b4 16.Ne4 Nd5 17.Bd4 Qc7 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Qc4 Nd7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Bc5 a5 22.Rac1 Bxc5 23.Qxc5 Rd6 24.Rc2 Rad8 25.Rfc1 E 05/25 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
12...Nbd7 13.Nc3 Bxf3 The position is equal. **14.Bxf3 Rc8 15.Ne2 c5** ...cxd4 would now be deadly. **16.Qe1 Qb6 17.Ba5 Qb8 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Bg2 Ne5 20.Bc3** -0.11/19

[⌓20.Nf4 0.27/19]
20...b4 21.Bd4 a5 22.Qd1 Rfd8 23.Qb3 Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Nfd7 25.Rfc1 Qb6
[25...Nc5!? 26.Qd1□ g6=]
26.Qd1 Nf6 0.54/19
[26...Nc5= -0.19/20]
27.Qe2 0.05/20
[27.Rc2± 0.54/19 might be stronger.]
27...g6= 28.h3 a4 0.74/21
[28...Nd5= 0.04/21]
29.f4!± Rxc1+! 30.Rxc1 Ned7 31.Rc6 Qb8 32.Rc4! White is more active.
32...Qd6 33.Nc6 Dodges Rb8 **33...Re8 34.Rd4**
[34.Rxb4 Nd5 35.Rc4 *(35.Rxa4 Qxc6 36.Rd4 Qc1+ 37.Rd1 Qc5∓)* 35...a3 36.bxa3 Qxa3±]
34...Qf8 2.00/20
[34...Qc5± 0.85/20]
35.Rxb4 1.01/20
[35.Nxb4?! e5 36.fxe5 Nxe5±]
[35.Qd2!+- 2.00/20]
35...e5 2.42/18
[35...a3± 1.01/20]
36.Qc4? 0.34/20
[White should try 36.Rxa4+- 2.42/18 exf4 37.gxf4]
36...Qd6 37.Kh2 0.26/21
[37.Rxa4 Nb6 38.Qb3 *(38.fxe5 Qd1+ 39.Qf1 Qxf1+ 40.Kxf1 Nxa4∓)* 38...Nxa4 39.Nxe5 Nxb2 40.Qxf7+ Kh8=]
[37.Qc1± 0.67/21]
37...h5 1.11/21
[37...exf4= 0.26/21 38.Qxf4 *(38.exf4 Qd2±)* 38...Qd2]
38.Rb7 -0.01/24
[38.Rxa4± 1.11/21 h4 39.g4 *(39.gxh4 exf4 40.Qxf4 Qd2±)*]
38...exf4 39.Qxf4 Qc5 2.49/24
[39...Qe6= 0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]
40.Qd4? -0.10/24
[40.Qxa4 Rxe3 41.Qd4 Qg5±]
[40.Nb8+- 2.49/24 Rxb8 41.Rxb8+ Nxb8 42.Qxf6]
40...Rxe3= 41.Qxc5
[41.Rxd7 Nxd7 42.Qxd7 Re2∓]
41...Nxc5 42.Re7 Rxe7 43.Nxe7+ Endgame KBN-KNN **43...Kf8! 44.Nc6 Nd3 45.b3 a3 46.Bf1 Nc1 47.Nb4 Ne4 48.Nc2 Nd2 49.Bc4 Nb1?** 3.88/24
[49...Ke7= 0.01/25]
50.b4+- Nd2? 4.38/22
[50...Ke7 2.33/20 was called for. 51.b5 Kd6]
51.Nxa3? 0.13/22
[White must play 51.Bd5+- 4.38/22]
51...Nxc4= Remove Defender **52.Nxc4 Nxa2+-** KN-KN **53.b5 Ke7 54.b6 Nb4 55.b7 Nc6 56.h4 Ke6 57.Kg2**
[57.Na5!? Nb8□ 58.g4±]
57...Kd5 58.Na5 Deflection, Promotion **58...Nb8 59.Kf3 Kc5 60.Ke4 f6**
[Avoid the trap 60...Kb4? 61.Nb3+-]
61.Nb3+ Kc6 62.Nd4+ Kxb7 63.Kd5 And now Ke6 would win. **63...g5 64.g4 hxg4?** 7.68/19
[64...gxh4= 0.06/27 65.gxh5 h3]



65.h5! White is clearly winning.
[Not 65.hxg5 fxg5 66.Ne6 g3 67.Nxg5 Kc7=]
65...Nd7

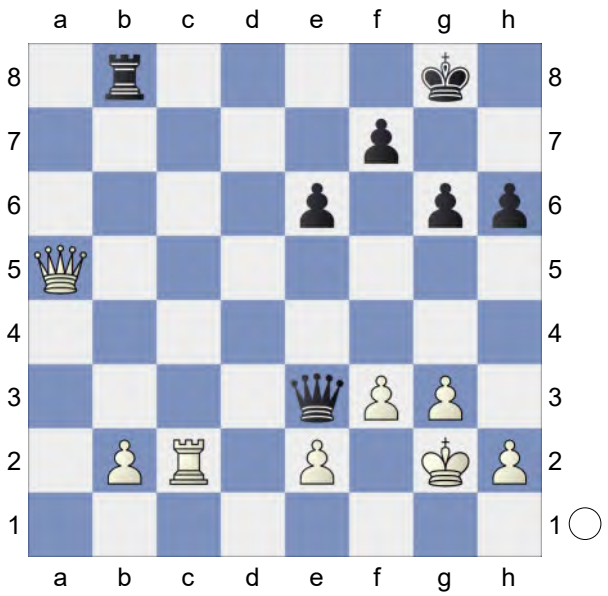


66.Ke6! Deflection **66...Ne5 67.Kxf6 Nf3 68.Ne2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.42
68...g3
1-0

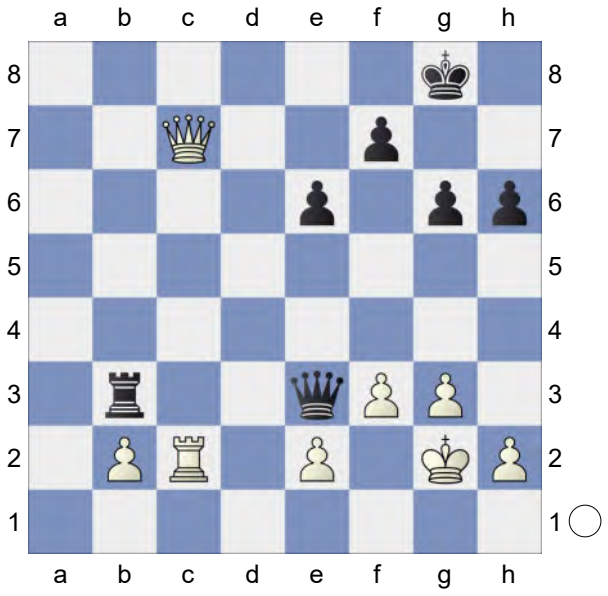
132 **E06**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2701**
■ **Matlakov,M** **2623**
Aeroflot Open A 2025 (7.5) 05.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qd3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.cxd5 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 next e4 is good for White. **10...Nxd5 11.Rd1 Bf6 12.Qg4 Bd7 13.Nd2 Bc6N** 0.34/16
[13...Qc7= -0.15/16]
[13...Qe7 14.Nf3 Rac8 15.e4 e5 16.Qh5 Nb4 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 h6 19.Nf3 Nc6 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.Bh3 f5 22.exf5 Rce8 23.Nh4 e4 24.Rd1 Qf7 25.Qe2 Qxa2 26.Ng6 Rf7 27.Nf4 Qb3 28.Bg4 0-1 (42) Firouzja,A (2793)-Caruana,F (2783) E Candidates 2022 (6.2)]
14.Ne4 -0.08/17
[14.e4± 0.34/16 Nb6 15.Nb3]
14...Qe7 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Bg5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qb4 Qe5 20.Rd2 b6 21.Qe7 0.03/23
[21.Rad1± 0.46/19 deserves consideration.]
21...Qe4+= 22.f3 Qe3 23.Rad1 a5 24.Rc2 Rac8 25.Rdd2
[25.Rcd2 Rc1 26.Rd8 Qxe2+ 27.Kh3]
25...g6 26.Qd6 b5 0.89/25
[26...Rcd8= 0.01/26 27.Qxd8 Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kg7]
27.Qa6!± Rxc2 1.21/24
[27...Kg7!± 0.67/24]
28.Rxc2± Endgame KQR-KQR **28...b4** 1.24/23
[28...Rd8 0.86/24]
29.Qxa5± b3 2.05/27
[29...Qd4± 0.93/22]
30.axb3+- Qxb3 31.Rd2 1.27/24
[31.Qc3+- 1.81/23 Qb6 32.b4]
31...Qe3± 32.Rc2? -0.01/22
[32.Qc3± 1.51/23 Qxc3 33.bxc3]
32...Rb8? 1.60/23
[Black should try 32...Qb3!= -0.01/22 33.Qc3 Qb5]

(Diagram)



33.Qc7 1.03/22
[White should play 33.Qc3! 1.60/23 Qxc3 34.bxc3]
33...Rb3 2.23/21
[33...Rb5± 1.03/22 keeps fighting.]



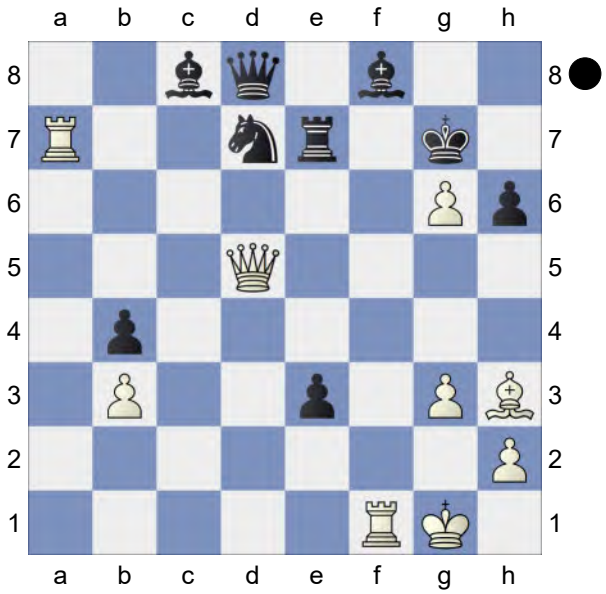
34.Kf1? 0.01/21
[Only move: 34.Qc4!+- 2.23/21]
34...Qd4= 35.Rc4⇄ White is not holding back **35...Qxb2 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Rc8 Qg7** Wards off Qg8+ **38.Rc7** Strongly threatening Qe8. **38...g5 39.Qe8 Kg6** The position is equal.
40.Re7 Rb6
[40...Rb1+ seems wilder. 41.Kg2 Qf6 42.Qg8+ Qg7]
41.Kg2 Qf6 42.Qg8+ Qg7 43.Qd8 Qb2 44.Qg8+ Qg7 45.Qe8 Qf6 46.Rd7 Rb2 47.Kf1 Rb1+ 48.Kf2 Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
48...Rb2
½-½

135 **E10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
■ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2625**
TCh-ESP Div Honor 2025 (3.13) 10.08.25
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bc3 b6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.Ne5 a5N
[11...Re8 12.Qa4 Bd6 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Rfe1 Nf6 15.Bb4 c5 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Ba5 Qc8 18.e4 d4 C2: Bd2 7.O-O Move 8 Sideline-N, N]
12.Rc1 Re8 13.e3 b5 14.b3 b4 15.Ba1 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qg4 Bf8 18.f4 a4 19.Nf3 h6 Wards off Ng5
20.Nd4 -0.45/18
[20.f5= 0.01/19]
20...axb3 0.01/16
[20...c5∓ -0.45/18 21.Nf5 Re6]
21.axb3 Ra2? 1.40/18
[21...c5∓ -0.31/17 22.Nc2 Nb6]
22.Bh3? -0.52/20
[22.Nc6!± 1.40/18 Bxc6 23.Rxc6]
22...Bc8? 1.77/23
[22...Nc5∓ -0.52/20 stays ahead.]
23.Qh5!+- g6? 2.39/21

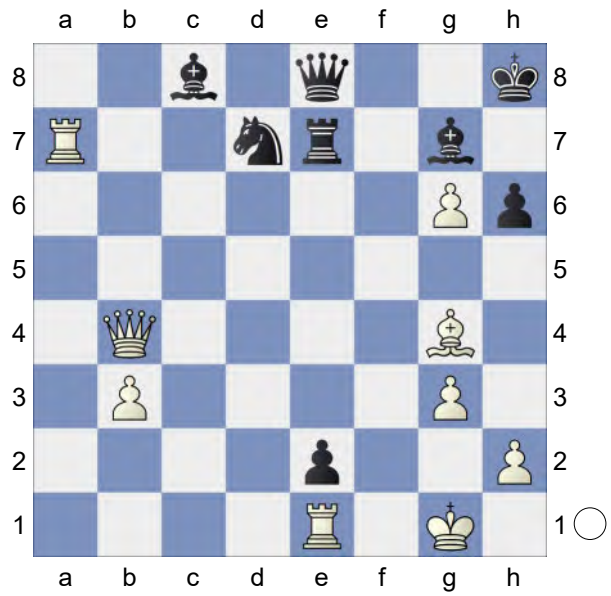
[23...c5± 0.85/21]
24.Qf3 c5? 3.80/23
[24...Nc5± 1.47/20 was necessary. 25.f5 gxf5]
25.e6!
[25.Nc6 Qb6 26.Qxd5 Nf6 27.exf6 Bxh3∓]
25...Rxa1 26.Rxa1 1.65/22
[⌓26.exf7+ 4.12/24 Kxf7 27.Qxd5+ Kg7 28.Nc6]
26...cxd4 27.exf7+
[27.exd7 Bxd7 28.Bxd7 Qxd7±]
[27.Qxd5 fxe6 28.Bxe6+ Kh8-+]
27...Kxf7 28.Ra7? 0.25/18
[28.Qxd5++- 3.48/24 Kg7 29.Qxd4+ *(29.Ra7 Qb6±)* 29...Nf6 30.Ra7+ Kg8 31.Qxd8 Rxd8 32.Ra8 Bxh3 33.Rxd8 Bxf1 34.Kxf1]
28...Kg7 1.09/22
[28...Re4= 0.25/18 remains equal. 29.f5 Kg8 30.fxg6 Ne5 *(30...dxe3 31.Qf7+ Kh8 32.Qh7#)* 31.Qxf8+ Qxf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Bxc8 Nxg6]
29.f5? -1.50/24 White is much more active.
[29.exd4?! Qb6 30.Bxd7 *(30.Rxd7+ Bxd7 31.Bxd7 Qxd4+ 32.Qf2 Re3∓)* 30...Qxa7=]
[29.Qxd5± 1.09/22 dxe3 30.Bxd7]
29...dxe3∓ 30.fxg6 Re7 Wards off Qf7+ **31.Qxd5**

(Diagram)



Threatening mate with Rf7+. **31...e2** 0.01/19
[31...Kh8!∓ -1.46/22 White must now prevent ...e2. 32.Re1 *(32.Bxd7 e2∓)* 32...Qb6 *(32...e2 33.Kg2=)* 33.Bxd7 e2+ 34.Kg2 Qd8]
32.Qd4+!=
[32.Rf7+? Kh8 33.Qd4+ Kg8-+]
32...Kg8⇄ Black is fighting back
[32...Kxg6!? 33.Bf5+□ Kf7=]
33.Re1 Really sharp! **33...Bg7** Inhibits Kg2. **34.Qxb4** -0.45/21
[34.Qc4+ Kh8 35.Qxb4 Re8∓]
[34.Qd6!= 0.01/22]
34...Kh8 -0.01/19
[34...Re8!∓ -0.45/21 should be considered. 35.Kg2 *(35.Qc4+? Kh8-+)* 35...Nb6 36.Rxg7+ Kxg7 37.Qc3+ Kxg6 *(37...Qf6 38.Qxf6+ Kxf6 39.Bxc8∓)* 38.Qc2+ Kg5 39.Qc5+ Qd5+ 40.Qxd5+ Nxd5 41.Bxc8 Rxc8 42.Rxe2 Rc5 43.Re5+ Kf6]
35.Bg4 Qe8? 2.68/21
[35...Re8= -0.01/19 and Black is okay.]

(Diagram)



36.Ra8!+-
[Worse is 36.Qc4 Qd8 37.Qb4 Re8∓ *(37...Qe8 38.Ra8±)*]
36...Re5? 5.15/20
[36...Re3 2.32/24 37.Qd6 *(37.Rxe2 Rxe2 38.Bxe2 Qe3+ 39.Kf1 Qc1+ 40.Kf2 Qc6±)* 37...Be5]
37.Qc3? 0.15/19
[37.Qd6+- 5.15/20]
37...Nb6= Discovered Attack **38.Rxc8 Nxc8 39.Qxc8 Qxc8 40.Bxc8** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two pawns up.
[40.h3 feels hotter. Qc3 41.Kf2 Re8 42.Rxe2 Bd4+ 43.Kg2]
40...Re3! 41.Ba6 Bd4 42.Kg2 Rxb3 43.Bxe2 Re3 44.Kf1 Re6 45.Rd1 Rf6+ 46.Kg2 Rf2+! 47.Kh3 Rxe2 48.Rxd4 aiming for Rd7. KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **48...Re6 49.Kg4 Rxg6+ 50.Kf5 Rg5+ 51.Kf6 Kh7 52.Rd7+ Kh8 53.Re7 Rg4 54.Kf5 Rg5+ 55.Kf4 Ra5 56.g4 Kg8 57.h4 Rb5 58.h5 Ra5 59.Re5 Ra1 60.Rd5 Rf1+ 61.Ke5 Kg7 62.Rd7+ Kg8 63.Rd6 Kg7 64.Rg6+ Kh7 65.g5 hxg5 66.Rxg5 Kh6 67.Rf5 Rxf5+** 0.49/25
[67...Rh1= 0.03/22]
68.Kxf5± Kxh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.42
69.Ke4
½-½

139 **E06**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2782**
Chess.com Classic Pl/In m blitz (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

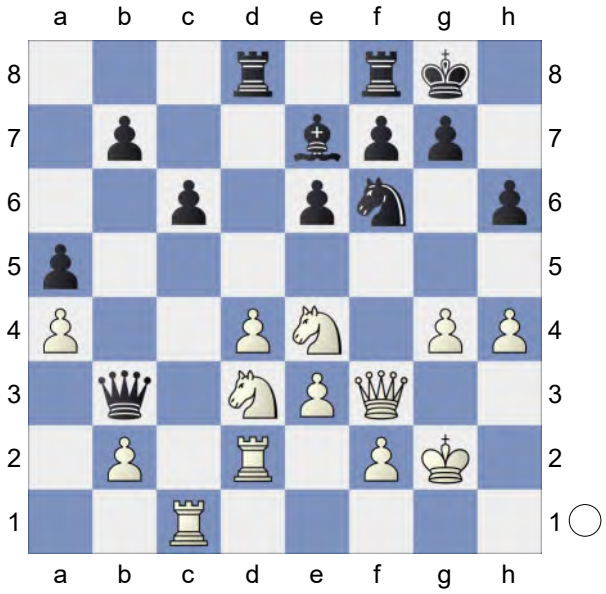
E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Rd1 Bc6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Qxc4 White has an edge.
[11.Nbd2 h6 *(11...b5 12.e4 h6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.b3 Qxd4 16.Nef3 Qb6 17.bxc4 b4 18.a5 Qa7 19.e5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nc5 21.Nbd4 Rab8 22.Rab1 Be4 23.Qe2 Bxb1 24.Nc6 Qb7 25.Nxe7+ Kh8 26.Rxb1* 0-1 (39) Dubnevych,M (2267)-Vedant,N (2167) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (1)*)* 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Be4 14.Qc1 Bd6 15.Nfd2 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Bb4 17.Nf3 Qe7 18.Nce5 c5 19.Nd3 cxd4 20.Nxb4 Qxb4 21.Rxd4 Qb6 22.a5 Qb5 23.Rc4 Rfd8 24.Qc2 b6 25.axb6 Qxb6 ½-½ (30) Mirkovic,S (2640)-7.e5 de5 8.fe5 ♘h5 (2672) 9596 Reggio Emilia 1996 (4.6)]
11...h6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nc3 a5N
[13...Bd5 14.Qd3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 c6 16.e4 Qa5 17.d5 cxd5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Qxd5 Qxd5 21.Bxd5 Rab8 22.Rac1 b5 23.Rc7 Bd8 24.Rd7 bxa4 25.Rd4 Rxb2 26.Rxa4 Bf6 27.Bb7 Rd8 28.Rxd8+

½-½ (31) Montero Campuzano,R (2276)-Mayer,A (2024) DEN-chT 9596 1995 (9.1) Bxd8 29.Bxa6 g5 30.Re4 Bb6 31.Re2 ½-½ Li,X (2276)-Liu,M (2024) CHN-chT (Women) 2023 (9.1)]

14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 c6 16.e3 Qb6 17.Qe2 Qa6 18.Qf3 Rad8 19.h4 Nd5 20.Ne4 Qb6 Dodges Nc5 **21.Rd2 Qb3 22.Nd3 Qb6 23.Rc1 Qb3 24.g4 Nf6** 1.19/20

[24...Bxh4 25.Rh1 g5 26.Nf6+ Nxf6 27.Qxf6]

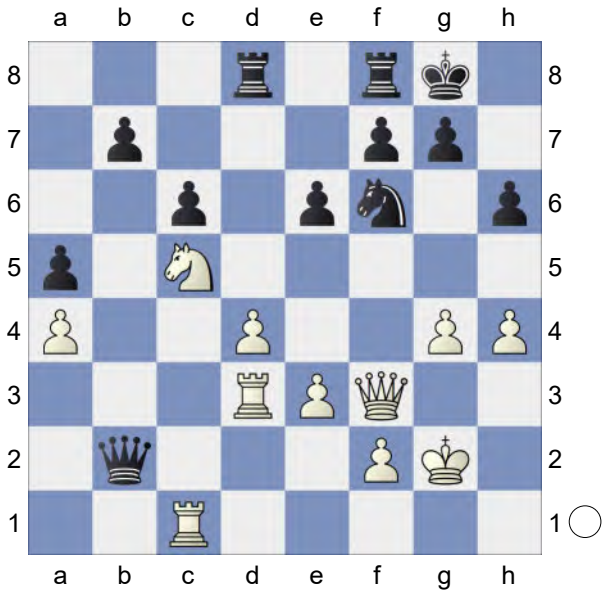
[24...f5!= 0.01/19 25.Nec5 Bxc5 26.Nxc5 Qb4]



25.Nec5!± Bxc5 26.Nxc5 Qb4 27.Rd3 Qxb2 2.73/22

[27...b6± 0.76/19 is a better defense. 28.Rb3 Qd2]

(Diagram)



28.Qd1!+- aiming for Rb3. **28...Qb6 29.g5 Nd5** 2.63/22

[⌓29...Nd7 1.89/21]

30.gxh6 gxh6 31.Rb1 0.55/20

[White should try 31.Rb3+- 2.58/22 Nb4 32.Qg4+ Kh7 33.Qf4]

31...Nb4± and ...Qc7 would now be decisive **32.Qh5** -0.61/21

[32.e4!± 0.62/22 Kh7 33.Rg3]

32...Kh7∓

[Not 32...Qc7? 33.Qxh6 e5 *(33...Nxd3 34.Rg1)* 34.Rg1+-]

33.e4 -6.99/22 Inhibits Rd5.

[33.Ne4∓ -0.34/19 f6 34.Nc5]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.28 (precise)

33...Nxd3

0-1

140 **E10**

□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**

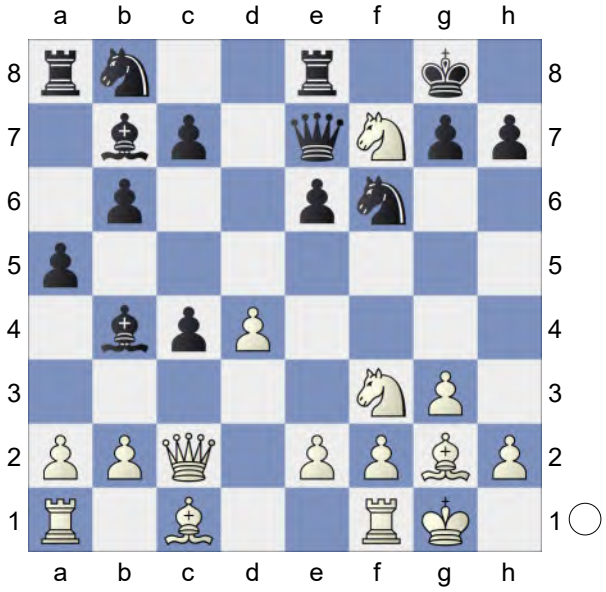
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**

Niemann-Dubov Raketa m blitz (7)

[Kitty Kat]

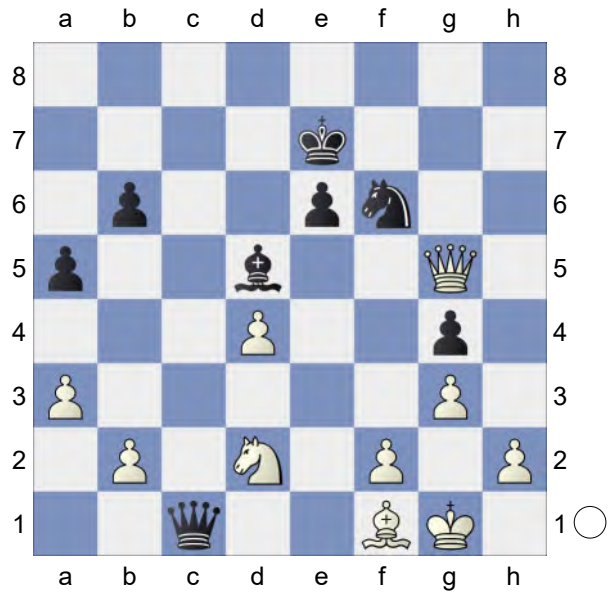
E16: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bg2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Ne5 a5 9.Qc2
[9.Nb1 simplifies Nbd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Nc3]
9...Re8N 0.64/19
[9...c5= -0.01/19 10.a3 *(10.cxd5 Bxd5 11.e4 Bb7 12.d5 exd5 13.exd5 Bxd2 14.Qxd2 Re8 15.f4 Nbd7 16.b3 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Rxe5 18.Bb2 Rxd5 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxd5 Nxd5 21.Rf2 f6 22.Rd1* X-X Daberitz (2176)-8. ♗e7 ♕e7 9. ♕c2_65860 (2150) Sigeman & Co 03rd_119756 1995*)* 10...Bxd2 11.Qxd2 Qc7 12.cxd5 Bxd5 13.Nf3 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Nc6 15.Qh4 Ne5 16.Bf4 Nxf3+ 17.exf3 Qb7 18.Rac1 Rfc8 19.Bg5 Bxf3 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qg4+ Bxg4 22.Bxb7 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rd8 24.Rc2 Rd7 0-1 (33) Mashkov,M (2342)-Soderkvist,S (2367) 50/207 Groningen 1990 (3)]
[9...Nbd7 10.a3 Bd6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Ndc4 Ba6 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.Nd3 Rc8 15.Qd1 Ne4 16.f3 Ng5 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.Nf4 Nf6 19.Rc1 h5 20.Bh3 Rce8 21.Rf2 h4 22.Rg2 Nh5 23.Nxh5 Bxe2 24.Rxe2 ½-½ (105) Oparin,G (2681)-Lobanov,S (2520) AI Cup Play In rapid 2023 (8)]
[9...Be7 10.Rd1 c6 11.b3 Nbd7 12.Bb2 Rc8 13.e4 Qc7 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Rac1 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf6 17.Nc3 Rcd8 18.Qe2 Rfe8 19.Rd2 c5 20.Nb5 Qc8 21.Rcd1 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 cxd4 23.Bxd4 Bb4 24.Bc3 0-1 (61) Can,E (2576)-Bluebaum,M (2668) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (7.3)]
10.Ndf3± White is more active. **10...dxc4** 1.08/21
[10...Ne4!± 0.46/19]
11.Nxf7± Decoy
[11.Qxc4 Bd5 12.Qd3 Be4∓]
[11.Nxc4?! Be4 12.Qd1 Qd5∓]
11...Qe7 1.39/21
[Black should play 11...Qc8 0.87/21]



12.a3! Bd6 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.Qxc4 Nbd7 1.83/20
[14...h6± 1.29/21 15.Bf4 Rc8]
15.Bg5+- Rec8 2.11/22
[15...h6± 1.51/19]
16.Qd3 h6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Rfc1 Be4 2.21/19
[⌓18...Qd7 1.73/19 19.Bh3 Be4]
19.Qe3 Qb7 2.09/19
[19...Rf8 1.64/20 20.Bh3 Rae8]
20.Bh3 Kf7 2.56/20
[⌓20...Qd7 1.81/18 21.Nh4 g5]
21.Nd2 Bd5 22.Qf4 Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Rc8 24.Re1
[Don't play 24.Rxc8?! Qxc8 25.Nf1 *(25.Qxd6 Qc1+ 26.Nf1 Qxb2±)* 25...Qc2±]
24...g5 25.Qxd6 g4? 4.09/23
[25...Qc7 1.70/20 was necessary. 26.Qxc7+ Rxc7]
26.Bf1 Rc2? 6.44/21

[26...Qc7 3.28/19 27.Qxc7+ Rxc7]
27.Qf4 Qc7 7.81/19
[⌓27...Be4 4.86/17 28.Qxh6 Qd5]
28.Qxh6 Rc1 29.Rxc1 Qxc1 30.Qf4 Ke7 31.e4 Bxe4 32.Qg5 Bd5

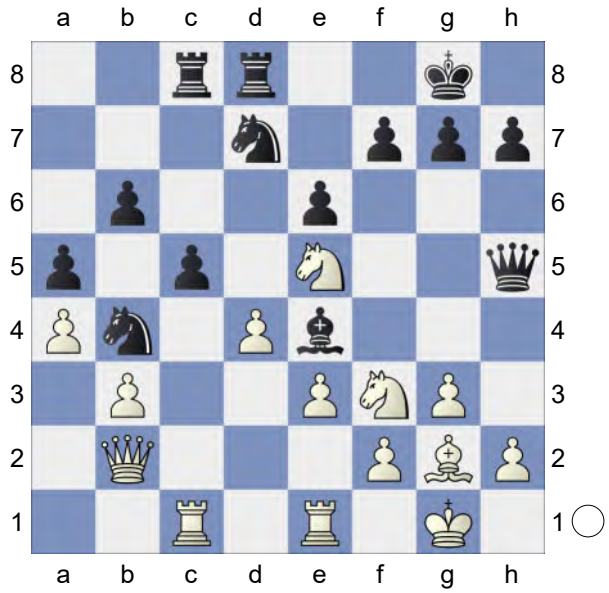


33.Ne4! Discovered Attack **33...Qxg5 34.Nxg5** Endgame KBN-KBN. White is two pawns up. **34...Ne8 35.Be2 Kf6 36.h4 gxh3 37.Nxh3 Nd6 38.Nf4 Nf5** 8.26/22
[⌓38...Ba2 5.17/21 39.Bd3 Ke7 40.Ng6+ Kd8]
39.Nxd5+ exd5 KB-KN. White is two pawns up. **40.Bd3 Nxd4 41.f4 b5 42.Kf2 b4 43.axb4 axb4 44.g4 Ne6 45.g5+ Ke7 46.Ke3 Kd6 47.Bf1 Nc5 48.g6** and g7 should not be overlooked **48...Ke7 49.f5 Kf6 50.Kd4 Na4 51.b3 Nc3 52.Bd3 Kg7** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.77
53.Ke5
1-0

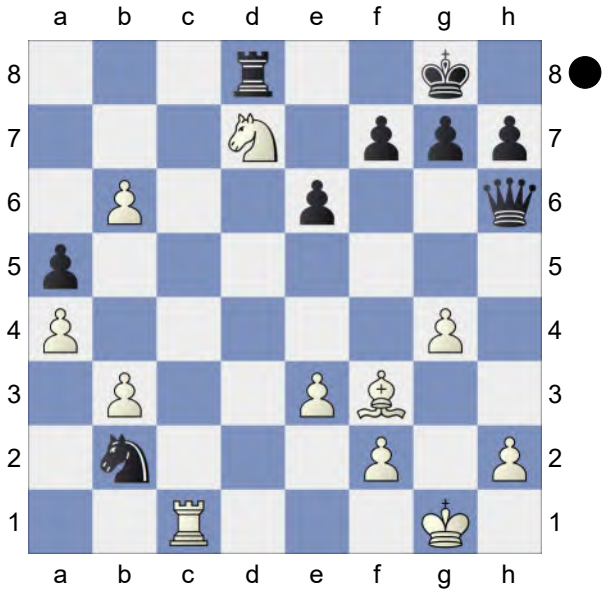
138 **E06**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
■ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2739**
Chess.com Classic Play-In blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
Inf 65/(464) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Nc6 9.Qxc4 Qd5 10.Nbd2 Rb8**
[10...Rd8 11.e3 Qxc4 12.Nxc4 Bd7 13.Nfe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Nd5 15.Bd2 a5 16.Rfc1 Be8 17.b3 c6 18.Nd3 Ra7 19.Bh3 Kf8 20.Ra2 Bd6 21.Rac2 Ba3 22.Re1 h6 23.Bg4 Ke7 24.h4 f6 25.e4 ½-½ (33) Lautier,J (2645)-Short,N (2645) Horgen 1995 (2)]
[10...Na5 11.Qc2 c5 12.e4 Qc6 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.b4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.bxc5 b6 17.Nb3 bxc5 18.dxc5 Bb7 19.Na5 Qc7 20.Nxb7 Qxb7 21.Bg5 Rac8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.e5 Qc7 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Rac1 1-0 (35) Ziaeian,S (2197)-Moya Soriano,M (2084) EU-chT (Men) 16th 2007 (2)]
11.e3 Rd8 12.b3N
[12.Qc2 Qh5 13.e4 Bd7 14.Nb3 Rbc8 15.h3 h6 16.Nh4 Nb4 17.Qd2 g5 18.Bf3 g4 19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.Kg2 f5 21.Qe2 Bc6 22.d5 exd5 23.exf5 Bxh4 24.Bxg4 d4+ 25.Kh2 Qf7 26.gxh4 Bd5 1-0 (32) 3.♗b5 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6-James,I corr A048 chessfriend.com 2005 27.Bh5 Qxf5 28.Nxd4 Qf6 29.Rg1+ Kh8 30.Nf5 c5 31.Bf4 Nc6 32.Rg6 1-0 Quist,J-Mikenas,V EU/MSM/I prel 1973]
12...b6 The position is equal. **13.Qc3** -0.13/20
[⌓13.Bb2 0.29/19]

13...Bb7= 14.Ba3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Qh5 16.Raa1 Nd5 17.Qb2 a5 18.Rac1 Ncb4 19.Qb1 Prevents Nd3. **19...Rbc8 20.Rfe1 c5 21.Nc4** -0.55/23
[White should try 21.h3= 0.01/21]
21...Nf6 -0.16/24
[21...Ne7!∓ -0.55/23 22.Ncd2 Ng6]
22.Nce5 Be4 23.Qb2 Nd7



aiming for ...Nxe5. **24.g4** -0.52/23
[24.Red1!= -0.05/22 deserves consideration.]
24...Qh6↑ Black has good play.
25.dxc5? -4.41/23
[25.Red1= -0.30/23]
25...Bxf3-+
[25...bxc5 26.Rcd1 Qf6 27.g5∓]
[25...Rxc5? 26.Nxd7 Nd3 *(26...Rxd7? 27.Rxc5 bxc5 28.Qe5+-)* 27.Nxc5 Nxb2 28.Nxe4+-]
[25...Nxc5? 26.Nxf7 Kxf7 27.Ne5+ Kg8 28.Rxc5 Rxc5 29.Bxe4-+]
26.Nxd7 -6.25/25
[⌓26.Nxf3 -4.06/23 Nd3 *(26...bxc5 27.Red1=)* 27.Qe2 Nxc1 *(27...Nxe1? 28.Rxe1 Nxc5 29.Ne5-+)* 28.Rxc1 Rxc5 29.Rd1]
26...Nd3
[26...Bxg4? 27.cxb6 *(27.Nxb6? Nd3-+; 27.Ne5 Bh3=)* 27...Rxc1 28.Qxc1+- *(28.Rxc1 e5+-)*]
27.Bxf3 Nxb2 28.cxb6 Rxc1 29.Rxc1

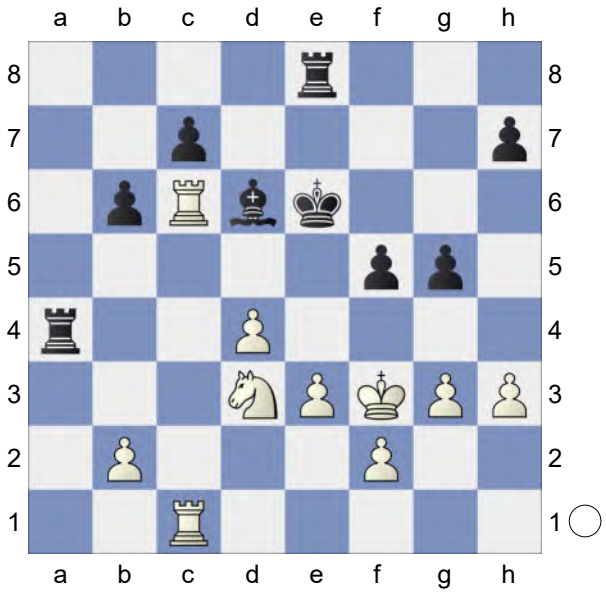


Nd3
[29...Rxd7 30.Rc8+]
30.Rc3 b7! would now be deadly.
30...Ne1
[30...Rxd7 31.Rc8+]
31.Be4 Qh3
[31...Rxd7 32.Rc8+]
[But not 31...Nf3+? 32.Bxf3 e5 *(32...Qh3? 33.Ne5+-)* 33.Rc6+- *(33.Nxe5 Qxb6 34.Nc6 Rd2∓)*]
32.b7 Qxg4+
[32...Rxd7 33.b8Q+]
33.Kf1? -9.46/22
[33.Kh1= 0.00/5 Qxe4+ *(33...Rxd7 34.b8Q+)* 34.f3 Qxf3+ 35.Kg1 Qg2#]
33...Qxe4
[Weaker is 33...Rxd7 34.b8Q+]
34.Rc8
Weighted Error Value: White=1.14/ Black=0.08 (flawless)
34...Qd3+
0-1

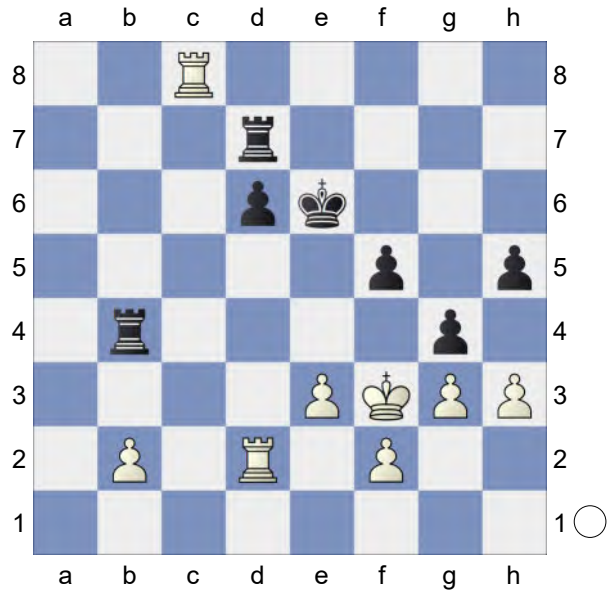
136 **E10**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
Niemann-Dubov Raketa m blitz (1) 27.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

E16: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+

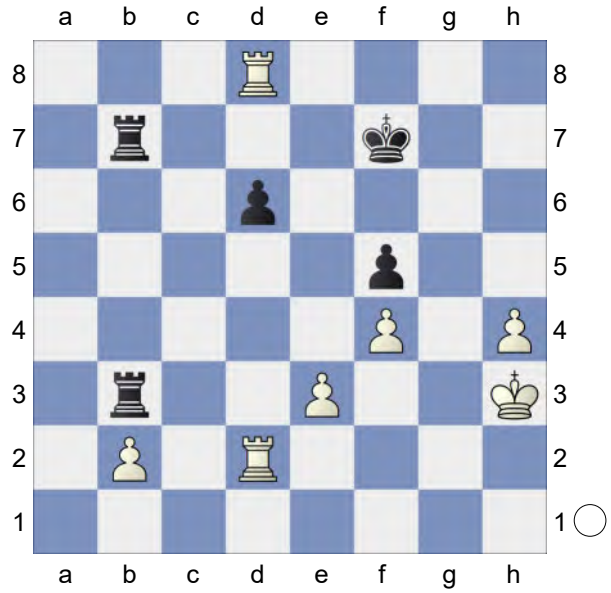
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bg2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Ne5 Qc8 9.Ndf3
[9.cxd5 Bxd5 10.Bxd5 exd5 11.Ndf3 Be7 12.Bg5 Qe6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Qb3 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd3 Qd6 17.Rc2 c5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Nf4 d4 20.Qd5 Qxd5 21.Nxd5 Na6 22.Rfc1 Re8 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 1-0 (47) Nesterov,A (2573)-Riazantsev,A (2626) Moscow Dvoretsky Memorial Rapid 2022 (6.2)]
9...Nbd7N 0.79/22
[9...dxc4= 0.04/18 10.Nxc4 Rd8 *(10...Bd5 11.Nce5 Be7 12.Bg5 Qb7 13.Rc1 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.b3 Na6 16.Qc2 Nb4 17.Qb2 a5 18.Nh4 h6 19.Be3 Rfc8 20.Bxd5 Nfxd5 21.Ng2 Bf6 22.Bxc5 Nxa2 23.Qxa2 Bxe5 24.Qa3 Nc3 25.Nf4* 0-1 (34) Liebsch,H (2108)-Shi,D (2496) 51/204 Wijk aan Zee 1991 (9) *Qb5 26.Rxc3 Bxc3 27.Be3 Rab8 28.Nd3 Qxb3 29.Qe7 Bf6 30.Qd7 Qd5 31.Qa7 Ra8 32.Qb6 a4 33.Nb4 Qa5 34.Qd6 a3* 0-1 Lauda,A (2108)-Roshka,Y (2496) St Veit op 42nd 2023 (9) *)*]
10.Bf4 0.16/19 White is more active.
[10.c5± 0.79/22]
10...Nxe5 11.Bxe5 -0.07/19
[11.dxe5± 0.50/20 Ne4 12.Qc2]
11...Nd7 0.84/20
[11...dxc4= -0.07/19 remains equal. 12.Qa4 a5]
12.cxd5 0.36/19
[12.Rc1!± 0.84/20]
12...Nxe5 1.17/24
[12...Bxd5± 0.36/19 13.Rc1 c6]
13.Nxe5± f6 2.14/19
[13...exd5± 0.96/20 14.Rc1 Rd8]
14.Nd3+- Bd6 15.dxe6 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qxe6 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.axb3 Rfe8 19.e3 1.28/21
[19.Kf3+- 1.83/19]
19...a5± 20.Rfc1 1.14/20
[White should try 20.Rfd1 1.51/21]
20...Kf7 2.16/19
[20...c5± 1.14/20]
21.Kf3 f5 2.24/19
[21...c5± 1.57/20 22.dxc5 bxc5]
22.Rc6 Ke6 23.Rac1 g5 24.h3 a4? 4.19/23
[24...Rf8 1.81/20 25.Nc5+ bxc5 26.dxc5 Pin Rfd8 *(26...g4+ 27.Kg2±)* 27.cxd6 cxd6]
25.bxa4+- Rxa4



26.Nc5+? 0.54/20 **bxc5± 27.dxc5** Pin **27...Rb4! 28.cxd6 cxd6** Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **29.Rd1! Rd8 30.Rd2 h5! 31.Rc7 Rd7** 0.80/23
[31...h4!± 0.34/21]
32.Rc8± g4+? 2.44/21
[32...h4!± 0.69/22]



33.Kg2!+- h4 2.35/20
[⌓33...Rbb7 1.89/22 34.Re8+ Re7]
34.gxh4 gxh3+? 3.42/23
[34...Rh7 1.87/23 35.hxg4 Rxg4+ 36.Kf3 Rgxh4]
35.Kxh3 Rh7 36.f4 Rhb7? 5.05/23
[36...Rh6 2.76/22 37.Re2 Rb7]
37.Re8+ Kf7 38.Rd8 1.92/24
[⌓38.Rh8 3.75/26]
38...Rb3 2.96/25
[38...Re7 1.92/24 was necessary.]



39.Re2? 0.22/28
[39.R8xd6 Rxe3+ 40.Kg2 Rbb3=]
[39.h5!+- 2.96/25]
39...Re7 40.h5 Re4? 6.47/25
[40...Rexe3+= 0.27/30 41.Rxe3 Rxe3+ 42.Kh4 Rb3]
41.Kh4
[41.Rxd6 Rxf4 42.Rd7+ Kg8±]
41...Ke7 42.Ra8 Rexe3 43.Rxe3+ Rxe3 44.Kg5 7.35/23
[⌓44.h6 16.16/25 Re2 45.h7 Rh2+ 46.Kg5 *(46.Kg3 Rxh7 47.Ra7+* Skewer *Ke6+-)*]
44...Rh3 45.h6 And now h7! would win.
[Not 45.Kxf5 Rxh5+ 46.Kg6 Rh2±]
45...d5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=1.06
46.h7
1-0

137 **E10**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
Niemann-Dubov Raketa m blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 dxc4 6.Bg2 b5 Against Qa4 **7.Ne5 Nd5! 8.0-0 0-0** The position is equal. **9.Qc2** -0.27/23
[⌓9.a3 0.09/20 Be7 10.a4]
[9.a4 c6 10.Ne4 f6 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.b3 c3 13.Qd3 a5 14.axb5 cxb5 15.Qxb5 Ba6 16.Qc6 Qe7 17.Bh3 Rfe8 18.Re1 N5b6 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Qxc5 Bxc5 22.Rxa5 Bb4 23.Ra1 c2 1-0 (32) Ott, P (2559)-Id2 (2494) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (6)]
9...f6N

[9...Be7 feels hotter. 10.b3 *(10.a3 f6 11.Nef3 a5 12.b3 cxb3 13.Nxb3 a4 14.Nc5 Qe8 15.e4 Nb6 16.Re1 Na6 17.e5 f5* C9: 3.Nf3 5.Nd2 6.Bg2-7.O-O & 8.Ne5 #2*)* 10...c3 11.Nb1 b4]

[9...Bb7 10.b3 Bc3 *(10...cxb3 11.Nxb3 Be7 12.Bd2 c6 13.Ba5 Qc8 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.dxc5 Nd7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.e4 Nf6 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Rd6 e5 20.Rfd1 h6 21.f3 Rfc8 22.Bh3 Re8 23.Bf1 Bc8 24.Rxc6 Nh7 25.h4* 1-0 (44) Dubov,D (2708)-Eljanov,P (2706) MrDodgy Online Inv Finals 3rd blitz 2022 (1.5)*)* 11.Rb1 Bxd4 12.bxc4 Bxe5 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.e4 Bc6 15.Rd1 Qe8 16.Nf3 Bd6 17.Nd4 b4 18.e5 Bxg2 19.exd6 Bd5 20.dxc7 Na6 21.Bf4 Qd7 22.Rbc1 Rac8 Chapter 8 - 6.Bg2 b5 7. 0-0-7...0-0 Without 8.a4 2023]

10.Nef3 Bb7 0.30/22

[10...a5∓ -0.40/21]

11.a3 White has compensation. **11...Be7** 0.42/20

[11...Bxd2= -0.01/21 12.Bxd2 Nc6]

12.b3!± c3 13.Nb1 b4 14.e4 Nb6 0.87/20

[14...a5!± 0.40/21]

15.axb4± Nc6 1.02/21

[15...Bxb4± 0.53/21 16.Rd1 *(16.Nxc3 a6=)* 16...Qd6]

16.Nxc3 0.66/19

[16.Qxc3 Bxb4 17.Qb2 Qd7±]

[16.b5± 1.02/21 Nb4 17.Qe2]

16...Nxb4± 17.Qb1 0.43/18

[17.Qe2± 0.83/19]

17...c5 1.67/19

[17...a5± 0.43/18]

18.Rd1 0.75/21

[18.Be3!+- 1.67/19]

18...Qc8± ...cxd4 would now be deadly.

19.Ne2 0.32/22

[19.Be3± 1.16/21]

19...f5 0.74/20

[19...Rd8± 0.32/22 should be considered.]

20.Ne5 Bf6 21.Be3 -0.07/23

[White should play 21.Ra5± 0.79/22]

21...Rd8 0.56/22

[Better is 21...cxd4= -0.07/23 22.Bxd4 Qc2]

22.Ra5±

[22.dxc5? Bxe5 23.Ra5 Nd7-+]

22...cxd4 1.12/23

[22...Bxe5!± 0.45/23 23.dxe5 Rxd1+ 24.Qxd1 Bxe4]

23.Nxd4± Rd6 24.exf5 0.02/19

[24.Rb5± 1.05/20]

24...Bxg2= 25.Kxg2 White leaves nothing to chance now. **25...Qb7+?** 2.82/21

[25...N4d5= 0.02/25 and Black has nothing to worry.]

26.Ndf3? 0.74/20

[26.Kh3+- 2.82/21 and White stays clearly on top.]

26...Rd5? 3.50/25

[26...Rxd1± 0.74/20 27.Qxd1 N6d5]

27.Bxb6+- axb6 28.Raxd5 exd5 29.Ng4 and Nxf6+ should not be overlooked. Excellent horsemanship.

29...Rf8 30.Nxf6+ Rxf6 31.Nd4 Nc6 32.g4 Qe7 6.23/22

[⌓32...Nxd4 4.07/20 33.Rxd4 Qd7]

33.Nxc6 Rxc6 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **34.Qd3** Repels Qe2

34...Rd6 35.Qd4 h6 36.h3 Kh7 37.Rd3 Kg8 38.Re3 Qd8 7.24/24

[⌓38...Qc7 4.85/23 39.Re8+ Kf7]

39.Re5 Kh7 7.31/22

[⌓39...Kf8 4.85/21 40.Re6 Rxe6 41.fxe6 Qd6]

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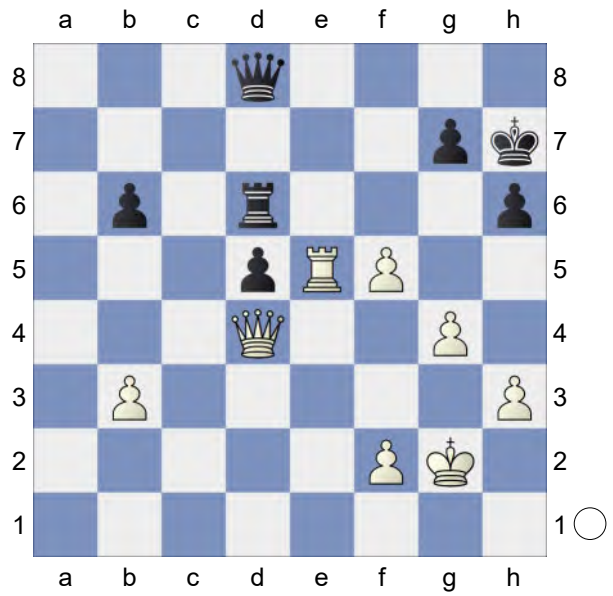
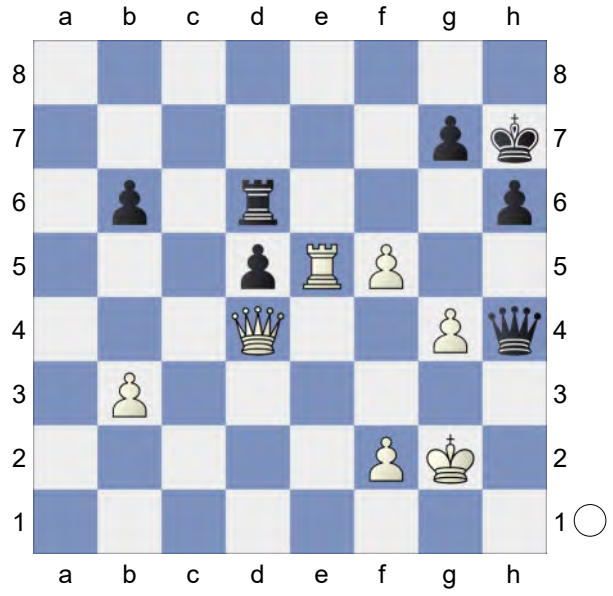


40.h4? 2.42/21 **Qxh4**

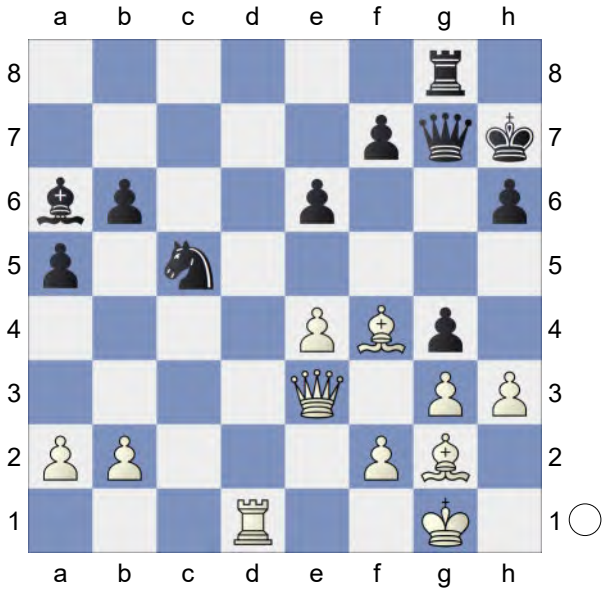


41.Re6! Active counter play!
[41.Rxd5 Rxd5 42.Qxd5 Qxg4+ 43.Kh2 Qf4+ 44.Kg2 h5=]
41...Qd8 7.43/24
[41...Rd7 1.88/24 42.f6 *(42.Qxb6? Qxg4+ 43.Kf1 Qh3+ 44.Ke1 Qc3+ 45.Ke2 Qc2+ 46.Kf1 Qd3+ 47.Kg2 Qxf5-+; 42.Rxb6 h5±)* 42...Qg5]
42.Qe5 Rd7 43.f6 gxf6 44.Rxf6 Qe7 45.Qf5+ Kg8 46.Rg6+
[46.Rxb6 Qe4+ 47.Qxe4 dxe4 48.Rxh6 Rb7+-]
46...Kh8 47.Rxh6+ Kg8 48.Rg6+ 27.59/26
[⌓48.Qg6+ #12/26 Qg7 49.Qe8+ *(49.Qxb6 Qxg4+ 50.Kh2 Qf4+ 51.Kg1 Qg4+ 52.Kh2 Qf4+ 53.Kh1 Qe4+ 54.Kh2 Qe5+ 55.Kg1 Qe1+ 56.Kh2 Qe5+ 57.Kh3 Qf5+ 58.Kh2 Qe5+=)* 49...Qf8 50.Rh8+ Skewer, Deflection *(50.Qxd7 Qxh6 51.Qxd5+ Kg7+-)* 50...Kxh8 51.Qxf8+ Kh7 52.Qf5+ Kh6 53.Qxd7]
48...Kh8 49.Qh5+ 14.02/5
[Not 49.Rxb6 Qe4+ 50.Qxe4 dxe4+-]
[⌓49.Kg3 #24/28 Rc7 50.Qh5+ *(50.Rxb6 Rc3+ 51.Kf4 Qc7+ 52.Qe5+ Qxe5+ 53.Kxe5 Rf3+-; 50.Qxd5 Qf8+-; 50.Rh6+ Kg8+-)* 50...Qh7 51.Rh6 Pin *(51.Rxb6 Qxh5 52.gxh5 Rd7+-)* 51...Rc3+ 52.Kf4 Rc7 53.Qe8+ *(53.Rxh7+ Rxh7 54.Qe8+ Kg7 55.Kg5 d4 56.Qg6+ Kh8 57.Qf6+ Kg8 58.Kg6 Rd7 59.Qe6+ Kf8 60.Qxd7 Kg8 61.Qg7#)* 53...Kg7 54.Rxh7+ Kxh7 55.Kf5]
49...Qh7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=1.17
50.Rh6 Pin
[50.Rxb6 Qxh5 51.gxh5 d4±]
1-0

141 **E00**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2683**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (10.3) 04.11.23
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 h6

8.Qc2 c6 9.Bf4 Nbd7 White has an edge. White is slightly better. **10.Rd1 a5** 10...b6 is vanishing.10...b6 scheint zu verschwinden. **11.Nc3 b6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.cxd5 cxd5**
[14...exd5?! 15.e4 d4 16.Rxd4±]
15.e4↑ White is pushing. **15...d4 16.Rxd4 Bc5N**
[Vorgänger: 16...g5 17.Bc1 *(17.Be3!?)* 17...Qc7 18.Rd1 -0.31/20 *(18.Be3± 0.34/22)* 18...Nxe5∓ 19.Be3 Ng4 20.Bd2 Ba6 21.Rac1 Rac8 *(21...Bc5!? 22.Be1 Ne5∓)* 22.Qa4? -2.40/21 *(22.Bf1∓ -0.74/22 Bxf1 23.Kxf1)* 22...Bc5 0-1 Luo,T (2351)-Huston,G (2439) New York Marshall Labor Day GM 2023 (6)]
[16...Qc7 17.Rd2 Bc5 18.Na4 Bb7 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd6 Rac8 22.Qe2 Kh7 23.h4 Nb7 24.R6d2 Rfd8 25.Be3 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Nc5 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.Rd6 Be8 29.Qd2 a4 30.Bf1 Rb8 31.Bc4 0-1 Woodward,A (2545)-Esipenko,A (2677) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (4)]
17.Rdd1↑ White is more active. White has more active pieces. **17...g5! 18.Bc1** Threatens to win with Nc3-a4. **18...Qc7** 1.19/21
[18...Ba6± 0.56/21]
19.Na4± Qxe5 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Be3 Ba6 2.07/22
[21...Bb7± 1.46/18]
22.Bd4+- Qc7 23.Qc3 Hoping for Bd4-e5. aiming for Bd4-g7. **23...Kh7 24.Be5 Qa7** 2.67/20
[⌓24...Qc8 1.93/18 25.Rd6 Qb7]
25.Qf3 Rg8 26.Rd6 g4 27.Qe3 Rad8 3.16/26
[⌓27...Qe7 2.18/20]
28.Rad1 1.88/21
[⌓28.Bg7 3.16/26 Kxg7 *(28...Rxd6 29.Qxh6#)* 29.Qd4+ f6 *(29...e5? 30.Qxe5+ Kh7 31.Qf5+ Rg6 32.Rxd8+-)* 30.Rxd8]
28...Qe7 29.h3 1.32/22
[White should try 29.h4+- 1.76/22]
29...Rxd6± 30.Bxd6
[30.Rxd6?! f6 31.Bf4 e5 32.Rxb6 exf4 33.Qxf4 Qe5 *(33...Rg6∓)* 34.Qxf6 Qxf6 35.Rxf6 gxh3 36.Bxh3 Bc8 37.Bf5+ Bxf5 38.exf5 Rg5 39.Rf7+ Kg8-+]
30...Qg5 31.Bf4 Qg7



White must now prevent ...e6-e5. ...e6-e5 would now be deadly. **32.Rd6** 0.29/23
[32.e5!± 0.87/18]
32...Qxb2 0.68/23
[32...gxh3!= 0.29/23
A) 33.Bxh3 Qxb2 34.Kh2 *(34.Bf5+ exf5=)* 34...Rg6=;
B) 33.Rxb6 hxg2 34.Kxg2 Qg4∓;
C) 33.Bf3 Qxb2]
33.hxg4±
[33.Bxh6?! gxh3 34.Bxh3 Bd3=]
33...Rxg4

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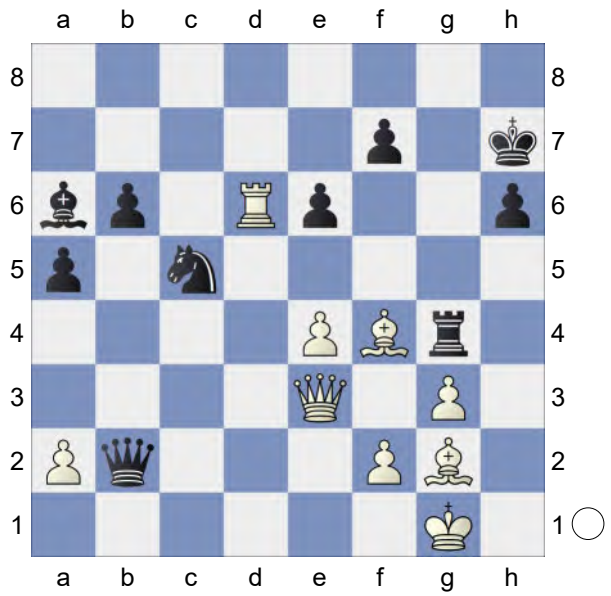
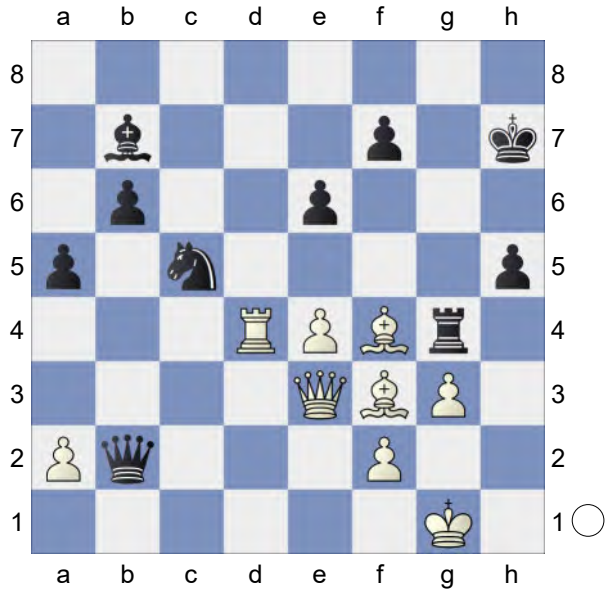


34.Bf3! A strong pair of Bishops. **34...h5**
35.Rd4 0.48/19 The board is on fire.
[35.Rd2± 1.33/19 Qb1+ 36.Rd1]
[35.Kh2+- 1.62/18]
35...Bb7? 1.04/17
[35...e5 36.Bxe5 Ne6 37.Rd5 *(37.Bxg4 hxg4 38.Kh2 Qb5=)* 37...Qb1+ 38.Kh2+- *(38.Rd1 Qb5+-)*]
[35...Qxa2!± 0.48/19 36.Kg2 *(36.Bxg4 hxg4 37.Rd6 Qc4=)* 36...Bb7]



36.Kh2!+- 1.93/19
[36.Be5± 1.04/17 Rxe4 37.Bxe4+ Bxe4 38.Qe1 *(38.Kh2 Qb1±)*]
[36.Bxg4?! hxg4 37.Qd2 Qxd2 38.Rxd2 *(38.Bxd2 Nxe4 39.Rd7 Bd5±)* 38...Bxe4±]
36...Qb1 2.40/22
[36...Rg6 1.93/19 keeps fighting. 37.Bxh5 Rf6]
[36...Rg8 1.82/19 was necessary. 37.Be5 *(37.Bxh5 f6+-)* 37...h4]
37.Be5 1.19/18
[Not 37.Bxg4 hxg4 38.Qe2 Bxe4 *(38...f5±)* 39.Rd1±]
[37.Qc3+- 2.40/22 is more deadly. White wants to mate with Rd4-d8. Rg7 *(37...Nxe4? too greedy. 38.Qc7+-)* 38.Be5 *(38.Bxh5 Nxe4 39.Qd3 Qxd3∓)* 38...Nxe4 39.Bxe4+ *(39.Bxg7? Nxc3 Discovered Attack 40.Bxb7 Kxg7-+; 39.Qe3 f6+-)* 39...Bxe4 40.Rxe4 *(40.Bxg7? Qh1#)* 40...Qxe4 41.Bxg7]
[37.Rd8+- 2.76/23 Intending Qe3-c3 and mate. Qa1 38.Bc7 *(38.Bxg4 hxg4 39.Qd4 Qxd4±)*]
37...Bxe4? 5.49/24
[37...Rxe4± 1.19/18 38.Rxe4 *(38.Bxe4+ Bxe4 39.f3 Qb2+ 40.Kh3 Qb1±)* 38...Nxe4]
38.Rd1+- Qc2 39.Bxg4 Intending Rd1-d8! and mate. **39...hxg4 40.Rd8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.45
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.53
1-0

142 **E04**
□ **Eljanov,P** **2680**
■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2606**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (2.27) 05.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c6 6.Ne5 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nd5 8.Bd2 b5 9.0-0 0-0
[9...Be7 10.e4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.a4 f6 13.Ng4 e5 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nxe5 Bc5 16.Bf4 Qxd1 17.Rfxd1 Be6 18.h4 Semi Slav Cxd5 (2586)-Palejko,M (2514) URS-ch sf Sevastopol 1986]
10.a4 a5 11.h4 White has compensation. **11...f6N**
[11...Bb7 12.axb5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 cxb5 14.e4 Nf6 15.Qb1 b4 16.Bg5 b3 17.Ng4 Nbd7 18.e5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qd5+ 21.f3 h5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Ng6 fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Qh6+ Lesson-4...dc4 5.Bg2 c6 2023]
12.Nf3 Qe8 The position is equal.
13.Qc2 -0.83/15
[13.axb5= 0.12/15 remains equal. Bxc3 Remove Defender 14.bxc3]
13...Bb7 -0.34/16
[13...Nb6∓ -0.83/15]
14.g4 -1.30/17
[14.h5∓ -0.34/16]
14...Na6∓ 15.h5 -1.45/16
[Better is 15.e4 -1.00/15 Nb6 16.g5]
15...Be7 -0.51/17
[Black should try 15...Bd6!∓ -1.45/16 aiming for ...f5. 16.h6 Nab4]
16.h6 -1.03/16
[16.axb5∓ -0.51/17 Nab4 *(16...cxb5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Rxa5±)* 17.Qe4]

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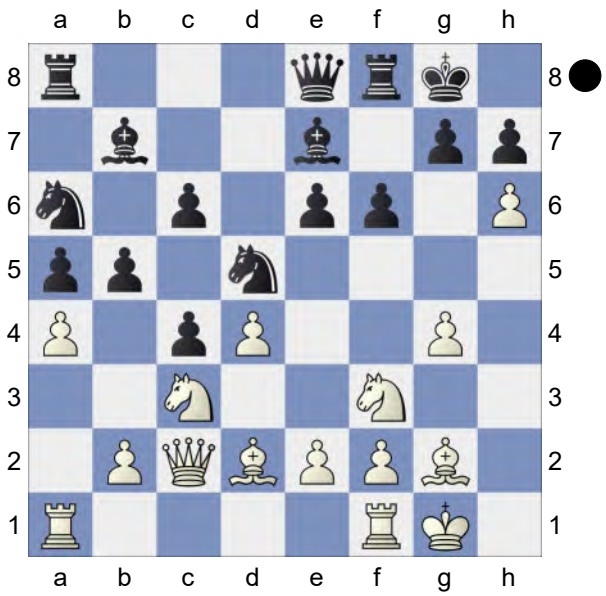

16...g5 -0.50/18
[16...Nab4 17.Qe4∓]
[16...Nac7!∓ -1.03/16]
17.axb5!∓ cxb5 -0.10/21
[17...Nab4∓ -0.78/20 18.Qe4 Qd7 *(18...cxb5 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Qf5±)* 19.bxc6 Bxc6]
18.Rxa5 -0.63/18
[18.Nxd5= -0.10/21 exd5 19.Bxa5]
18...Nab4 19.Rxa8 Qxa8
[Not 19...Nxc2 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Nxb5±]
20.Qb1 -0.76/18
[20.Qc1= -0.27/20]
20...Bc6∓ 21.Re1 -0.94/18
[21.Qe1∓ -0.47/17]

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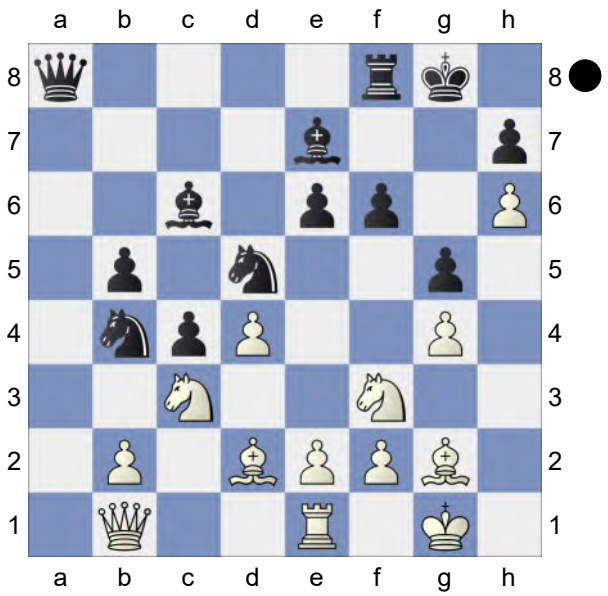


21...Nxc3! 22.bxc3 Be4 23.Qb2
[Less strong is 23.Nxg5 Bxb1 24.Bxa8 Rxa8±]
23...Nc2 Black is more active. This costs White the game. **24.Qxb5?** -3.29/21
[24.Rc1!∓ -0.44/19 Ba3 25.Qxb5 Bxc1 26.Bxc1]
24...Nxe1 25.Nxe1 Bd5 26.Qd7? -4.09/20
[26.Bxd5 -2.52/20 Qxd5 27.Qb1]
26...Kf7-+ 27.f4 gxf4 28.Kf2 Rg8 29.Bf3 -5.66/21
[⌓29.Bxf4 -3.94/19 Rxg4 30.Bd6]
29...Bxf3 30.exf3 -6.53/22
[30.Nxf3 -3.79/23 Rxg4 31.Qc7]
30...Rb8 Black is clearly winning.
31.Qc7 Rb2 32.Qxf4 -6.55/21
[⌓32.Ke2 -4.58/21 Qa6 33.Qxf4]
32...Qd5 33.Ke2 Bd6 34.Qe3 e5 35.dxe5 Bxe5
[35...Qxe5? 36.Qxe5 Bxe5 37.Kd1∓]
36.f4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.49
36...Bd6
0-1

143 **E06**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2678**
■ **Shirov,A** **2620**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (10.14) 14.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

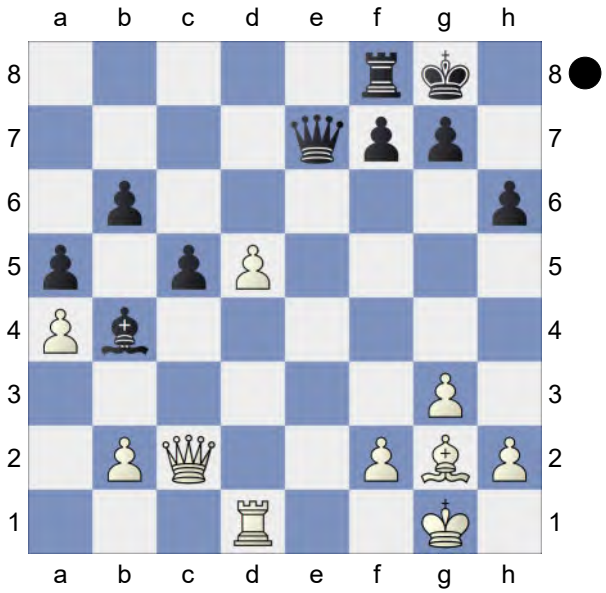
E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Rd1 a5
[11...h6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.e3 a5 14.Qe2 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 c6 16.h4 Nd5 17.Nd2 Bf6 18.Nc4 g6 19.h5 g5 20.Be4 Bg7 21.g4 f5 22.Bb1 Qf6 23.Ne5 Ne7 24.Nd7 Qf7 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.Ba2 1-0 (45) Kobalia,M (2538)-Chan,K (2311) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (4)]
12.Nbd2 h6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Qd3N
[14.Rac1 Qe8 *(14...Bd6 15.Ne5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 c6 17.Nd3 Qb6 18.Qb3 Qxb3 19.Nxb3 Rfd8 20.Kf3 Nd5 21.Nbc5 Ra7 22.e4 Ne7 23.Ke3 b6 24.Nb3 Rad7 25.Rd2 f6 26.Rdc2 Kf7 27.Ke2 Bb8 28.Ne1 g5 29.Nf3* 1-0 (51) Cheparinov,I (2703)-Kveinys,A (2542) Warsaw Najdorf Memorial op-A 15th 2017 (7) *Bd6 30.h4 g4 31.Nfd2 Bb4 32.Nf1 c5 33.dxc5 Rd3 34.Nbd2 bxc5 35.Nc4 Nc6 36.Nfe3 h5 37.Rb1 R3d4 38.e5 fxe5 39.Kf1 Kf6 40.Rcc1 e4 41.Ng2 e5 42.Nge3 Ke6 43.Nd1 Bd2 44.Nxd2* 0-1 (51) Mu,K (2686)-Larand, M (2654) 75th Tata Steel GpA 2013 (6) *)* 15.b3 Rc8 16.Ne5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 c5 18.Ndf3 Bd6 19.h4 cxd4 20.Qxd4 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Qb8 22.Rc4 Rd8 23.e4 Ne8 24.h5 Nf6 25.Qb6 Nxh5 26.Qxa5 Nf6 27.Nxf7 Kxf7 28.e5 Nd5 ½-½ (41) Ding,L

(2813)-Anand,V (2773) 139/122 Wijk aan Zee 2019]

14...Bb4 15.e4 Qe7 16.Ne5 Nd7 0.72/24

[16...Be8= 0.28/21]

17.Nxc6± bxc6 18.Nc4 Rad8 19.Qc2 c5 20.d5 exd5 21.Rxd5 Nb6 22.Nxb6 cxb6 23.Rad1 Rxd5 24.exd5

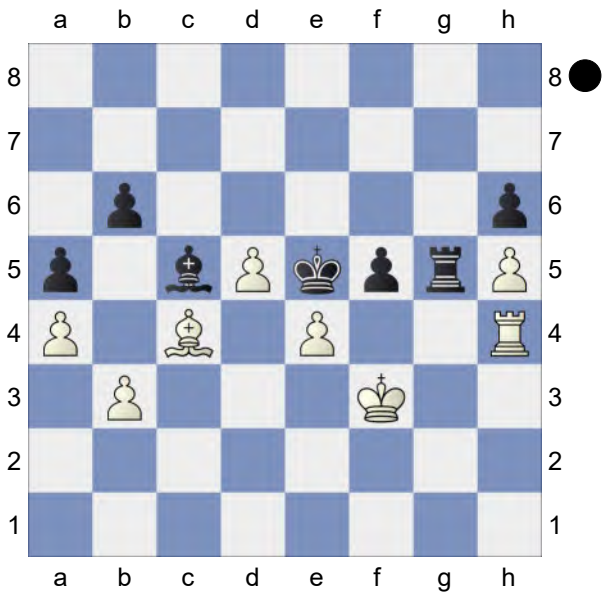


And now d6 would win. **24...Rd8 25.Bf1 c4 26.Bxc4 Qe5 27.b3 g5 28.Kg2 Kg7 29.Qd3**

[29.Rf1 seems wilder. Rd6 30.f4 gxf4 31.Rxf4 Rf6 32.Rg4+]

29...Rd6 The position is equal. **30.Qe3 Qxe3 31.fxe3=** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **31...Kf6 32.Rf1+ Ke7 33.Rd1 Kf6 34.h4 gxh4 35.gxh4 Ke5 36.Kf3 Bc5 37.h5 Rf6+ 38.Ke2 Kd6 39.Rh1 Rf5 40.Rh4 Re5 41.Rh3 Rg5 42.Kf3 Ke5 43.Rh4 f5 44.Rh1 Bd6 45.Rh4 Bc5 46.e4**

(Diagram)



Rg4! 47.Rxg4 fxg4+ 48.Kxg4 Kxe4 49.Kg3 Bd6+ 50.Kf2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

50...Ke5

½-½

144 **D30**

□ **Vitiugov,N** **2676**

■ **Maurizzi,MarcAndria** **2604**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (8.20) 12.09.25

[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations

Dlugy,M: 'Inf 40/(597)' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 cxd4 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.cxd5** White is slightly better.

[8.Nb3 Be7 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bd2 Nc6 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Qb6 13.Nd4 Nb4 14.e3 Rd8 15.Qg4 Bf8 16.Nb3 Nc6 17.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 e5 19.Qe2 Be6 20.Bd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Rd8 22.Qc4 Rxd5 (23) Lesson 1-Catalan 2025]

8...Nxd5 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 e5N

[10...Nd7 11.Rb1 Nb6 12.Nb3 Be7

13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Na5 Konyovits,N-Ziedins,E USSR (ch) 39/147 1985 Rd7 15.c4 e5 16.Rb5 Rc7 17.Rxe5 Be6 18.Bxb7 Rb8 19.Bd5 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Rb5 21.Bf4 Rxa5 22.dxe6 Rxe5 23.Bxe5 Rc2 24.Rb1 fxe6 25.Rb8+ Kf7 26.Rb7 Kf8 27.Bxg7+ Kf7 28.Rxa7 Rxe2 29.Bd4 1-0 Dlugy,M (2570)-Shapiro,D (2310) Harvard 51/443 1991]

11.Nb3 Bd6 12.Qd3 Qc7 13.Rd1 Be7 14.c4 -0.01/17

[14.Be3± 0.45/16]

14...Nc6= 15.Bb2 Be6 16.Bd5 Rad8! 17.Qe3 Qc8 18.Rac1

[18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Bf6 20.Bxe6 fxe6-+ *(20...Bxe5 21.Bxc8 Bxa1 22.Rxd8∓)*]

18...f6 19.Rd2

[19.Nd4!? Nxd4 *(19...exd4? 20.Bxe6+ Kh8 21.Rxd4+-; 19...Bxd5 20.cxd5 exd4 21.Rxd4±* Pin *)* 20.Bxd4= Pin]

19...Rde8 20.Rcd1 Rf7 21.Nc5 Bxc5! 22.Qxc5 Rc7 23.Qa3 b6 24.Bc3 Dodges Na5 **24...Ne7 25.Bb4** -0.62/19

[25.Bb2= -0.16/17]

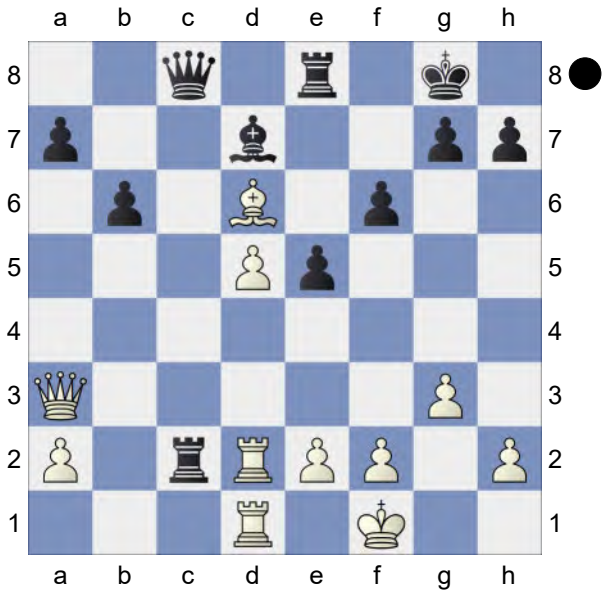
25...Nxd5∓ 26.cxd5 Bd7 27.Bd6 -0.97/20

[27.Rd3∓ -0.53/16 should be considered.]

27...Rc2!∓ 28.Kf1 -1.52/17

[⌓28.f3 -0.86/20]

(Diagram)



28...Bb5 -0.27/20

[28...Rc4!∓ -1.52/17 ...h5 would now be deadly. 29.Kg1 Ba4]

29.Qb3!= Rxd2 30.Rxd2 Bc4 31.Qc2 -0.73/20

[31.Qa4= -0.15/21]

31...Rd8 -0.28/22

[Better is 31...b5∓ -0.73/20]

32.Be7 Rxd5 33.Rxd5 Qh3+ 34.Ke1! Bxd5∓ Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a pawn up. **35.Qc7! Qxh2 36.Qb8+** -1.64/5

[36.Qd8+∓ -0.52/22 Kf7 37.Qxd5+ Kxe7 38.Qb7+ Ke6 39.e3]

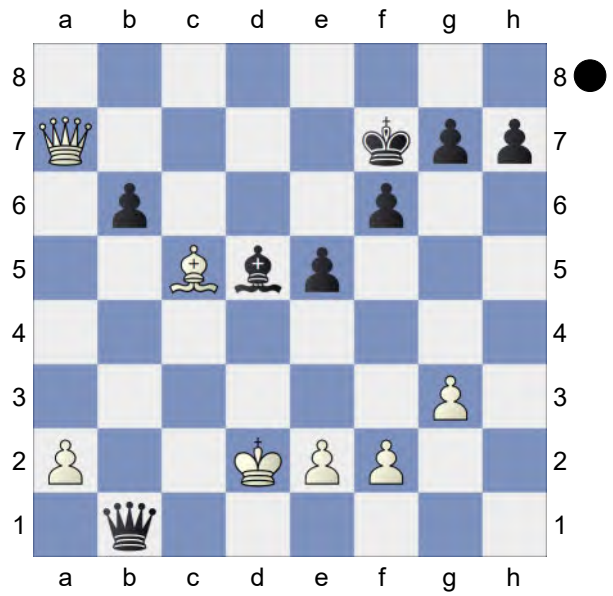
36...Kf7-+ 37.Qxa7 Qh1+? -0.56/5

[37...Qg1+-+ -2.20/23 38.Kd2 Qb1 *(38...Qxf2? too greedy. 39.Bc5+* Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack *Kg6 40.Bxf2+-)* 39.Bc5+ Kg6 40.Qxb6 Qxa2+ *(40...Bxa2 41.Qxb1+ Bxb1 42.Bd6=)* 41.Kc3 Qxe2]

38.Kd2∓ Qb1 Black is more active. This costs White the game. **39.Bc5+?** -4.20/25

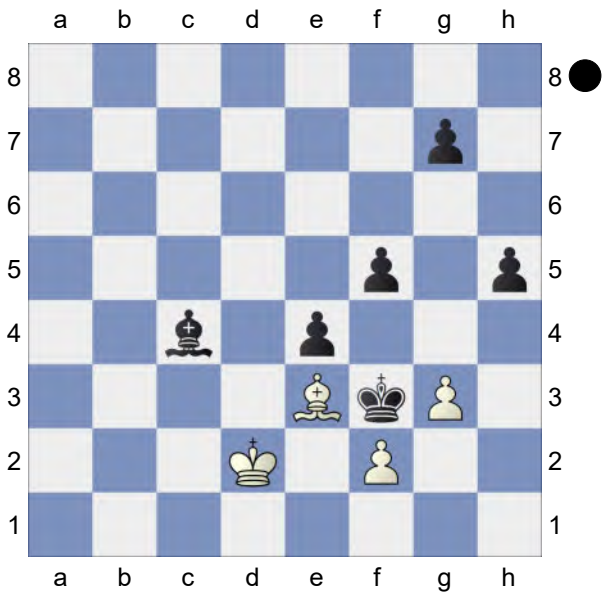
[39.Bd8+∓ -0.72/19 Kg6 40.Qa4]

(Diagram)



39...Kg6!-+ 40.Qxb6 -5.61/22
[⌓40.Bxb6 -3.59/21 Qb2+ *(40...Bxa2? 41.f4-+; 40...Qxa2+ 41.Qxa2 Bxa2 42.f3∓)* 41.Kd1]
40...Qxa2+ Black is clearly winning.
[40...Bxa2 41.Qxb1+ Bxb1 42.Bd6∓]
41.Kd3 e4+ Deflection
[Less strong is 41...Bc4+ 42.Kc3∓]
42.Kc3 Qxe2 43.Be3 -7.79/22
[⌓43.Kb4 -5.13/21 Qb2+ 44.Ka5 Qa2+ 45.Kb5]
43...Qc4+ 44.Kb2 Kf5 45.Qd4 -9.30/22
[⌓45.Qa7 -5.04/20 Qb3+ 46.Kc1]
45...Qxd4+ 46.Bxd4 KB-KB. Black is two pawns up. **46...h5 47.Kc3 Kg4 48.Kd2 Kf3 49.Ke1 Bc4 50.Kd2 f5 51.Be3**

(Diagram)



f4! 52.Bxf4
[52.gxf4 h4]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.21 (precise)
52...h4
0-1

146 **E06**
□ **Deac,Bogdan-Daniel** **2674**
■ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2625**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (10.47) 14.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Ne5 c5 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1 Bxc5 10.Bd2 Nd5 11.Nxc4 White is slightly better.
11...Nc6 12.Rc1 b6 13.Nce3 Rd8N
[13...Nce7 14.b4 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 Ba6 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.f3 Bb5 18.Kf2 Rfd8 19.a3 Rd7 20.Rhd1 Ba4 21.Re1 Rad8 22.e4 Nc7 23.Bf4 Nb5 24.Bf1 h6 25.h4 Nd4 26.h5 f6 27.Bc4 Kf7 28.Re3 ½-½ (42) Rapport,R (2731)-Anand,V (2773) Tata Steel-A 81st 2019 (9) Nb5 29.g4

Rd1 30.Rxd1 Rxd1 31.Bb8 a6 32.e5 Rd4 33.Bxb5 Bxb5 34.exf6 gxf6 35.Bc7 Rd2+ 36.Ke1 Rc2 37.Bxb6 e5 38.Bc5 Ra2 39.Rc3 e4 40.Bd4 Re2+ 41.Kd1 Rg2 42.fxe4 Chapter E00-Games Chapter E00 Game 3]

14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Nc3 and Na4! would now be decisive **15...Ne7 16.0-0 Ba6 17.Rfd1 Rac8 18.Bf3 Bc4 19.Kf1**

[19.b3!? Ba6□ 20.a3=]

19...d4 20.Ne4 Bxa2 21.b4 Bd6 22.Nxd6 Rxd6 23.Rxc8+ Nxc8 24.Bf4 Rd8 The position is equal. **25.Be5 Ne7 26.Ra1 Bd5 27.Bxd5**

[27.Bxd4? perishes. Bxf3 28.Bc3 Bc6 29.Rxa7 Rd7-+]

27...Nxd5 28.Rxa7 d3 29.exd3 Nxb4 30.Bc7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

30...Re8

½-½

145 **D30**

□ **Deac,Bogdan-Daniel** **2674**

■ **Carlsen,M** **2837**

Titled Tue 10th Jun Early blitz (5)

[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 Bd6N

[7...c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.Nxd4 *(9.a3 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Qxd5 11.Qxd4 Nc6 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.Nbd2 Rd8 14.0-0 b6 15.Rac1 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Rac8* Wojtaszek,R (2696)-Le,Q (2728) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 154/(164) 2022 *)* 9...Qb6 10.e3 *(10.Nf3 exd5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nc3 d4 13.Na4 Qb5 14.Qd3 Qxd3 15.exd3 Bf5 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Nxd4 Bxd3 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Nb3 b5 20.Nc3 a4 21.Nc5 Bc4 22.b3 axb3 23.axb3 Nbd5 24.N3e4 Be2* 1-0 (51) Gruskovnjak,T (2531)-Sirc,A (2329) 59/163 Burgas 1993 (2) *)* 10...exd5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Nc3 h5 14.Na4 Qd8 15.Rfc1 h4 16.Bxb4 axb4 17.b3 h3 18.Bh1 Rb8 19.Qxc6 d4 20.Qc5 d3 21.Rd1 Bb7 22.f3 0-1 (35) 8) Age 15-16. Olympiad gold,2-***** Karthik Venkataraman -,D Masterful Moves: Gukesh Re8 23.e4 Ba6 24.Rd2 Rc8 25.Qxb4 Rc2 26.Rad1 Qc7 27.Rf2 Nd5 28.Qe1 Qa7 29.a3 Re2 0-1 9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2485)-Sikorova,J (2614) TCh-SWE Superettan 2017]

8.Nc3 dxc4 9.Bg5 Nbd7 The position is equal. **10.Rd1 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nd2 c6 13.Nxc4 Bc7 14.0-0 Qe7 15.Ne5 Rd8 16.e3 Nd5 17.Ne4 Nb4 18.Qb1 f6 19.Nc4** 0.01/19

[White should try 19.Nf3± 0.54/18]

19...b6 0.47/22

[19...Nd5= 0.01/19]

20.a3± Nd5 21.Rc1 -0.01/21

[21.Rfe1± 0.41/20 might be stronger.]

21...Ba6 0.47/21

[21...f5= -0.01/21]

22.Rfd1 Rac8 23.Ncd2 0.17/20

[23.Bf1± 0.54/21]

23...Bb8 0.85/18

[23...f5= 0.17/20]

24.Nf3!± c5 25.dxc5 0.21/23

[25.Ned2!± 0.67/19]

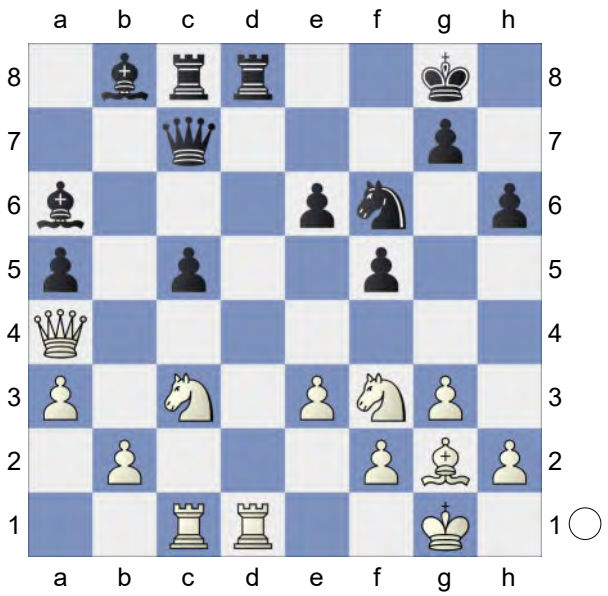
25...bxc5= 26.Qc2 f5 27.Nc3 Nxd5 would now be deadly.

[27.Nxc5 Ba7 28.b4 axb4-+]

27...Nf6 0.85/18

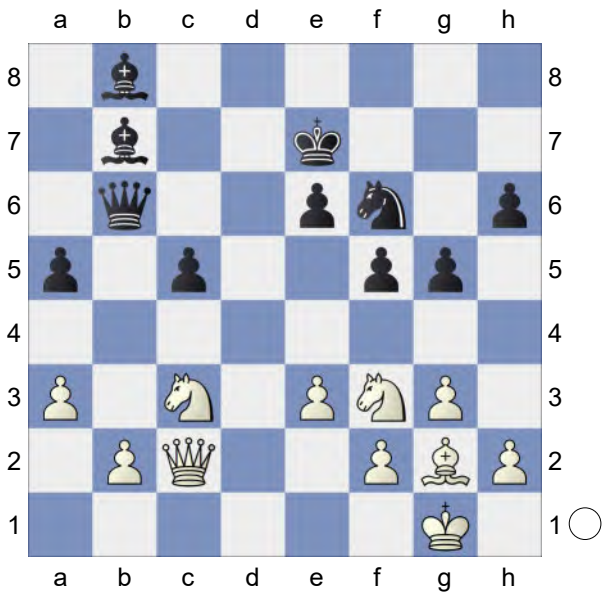
[27...Nb6± 0.34/17]

28.Qa4 Qc7



29.Rxd8+ 0.32/20
[29.Nd2!± 0.90/19]
29...Rxd8 30.Rd1 0.22/18
[30.b4± 0.66/21]
30...Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1 Kf7 32.Qa4 Ke7 33.Bf1 -0.36/22
[33.Nd2± 0.35/20]
33...Bb7 0.43/22
[33...Bxf1∓ -0.36/22 34.Kxf1 Qb7]
34.Bg2 -0.01/17
[34.Nd2± 0.43/22]
34...Qb6 0.55/21
[34...Ba6= -0.01/17]
35.Qc2± g5 0.80/19
[35...Nd7= 0.30/18 keeps the balance.]

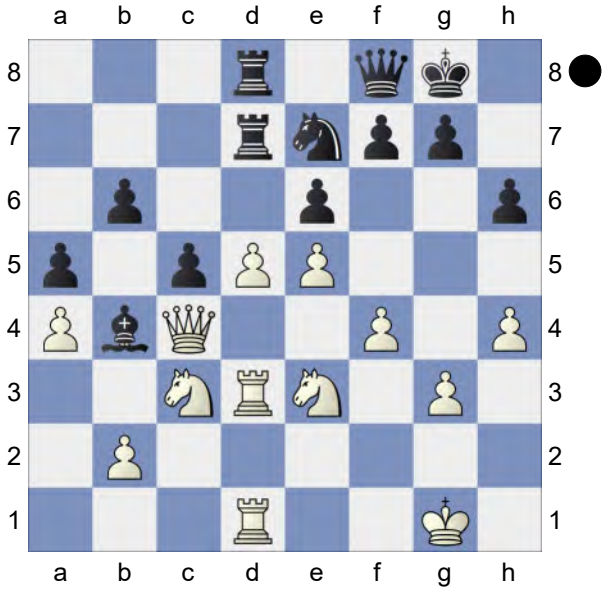
(Diagram)



36.Na4!± Qd6 1.72/20
[36...Be4? 37.Qxe4 *(37.Qxc5+ Qxc5 38.Nxc5 Bxf3+-)* 37...fxe4 38.Nxb6+-]
[36...Qc7!± 0.61/21]
37.Qxc5 0.49/18
[37.Nxc5+- 1.72/20 Bxf3 38.Bxf3]
37...Qxc5 38.Nxc5 Bc8 1.15/21
[Black should play 38...Bxf3 0.76/20 39.Bxf3 g4]
39.Nd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
39...Kd6? 3.59/26 Prevents Nc6. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
[39...Bc7± 1.25/21 was called for. 40.Bb7 Bd7 41.Nxd7 Kxd7 42.Bc6+ Kd6]
0-1

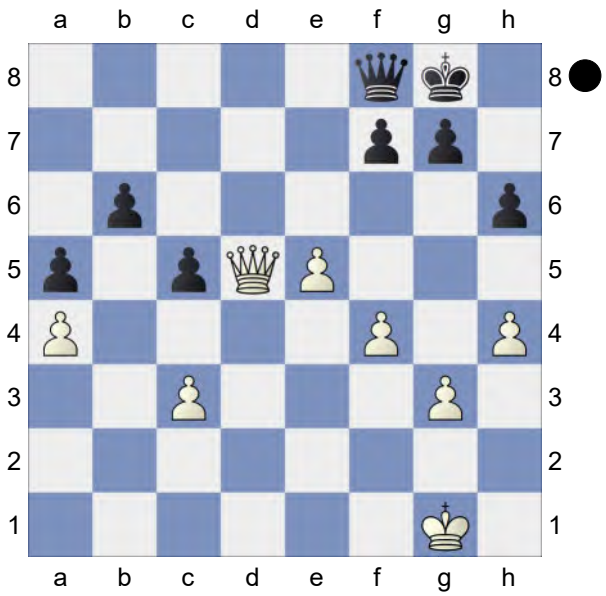
147 **E06**
□ **Shankland,S** **2670**
■ **Shirov,A** **2620**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (3.30) 06.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
Morovic Fernandez,I: 'Inf 39/(593)' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4 Nd5 11.Bd2 Nd7 12.Re1**
[12.Qc2 N5f6 13.Nc3 b5 14.Rfc1 Rc8 15.axb5 axb5 16.d5 Nxd5 17.Nd4 Bb7 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Nxb5 Bc5 21.b4 Bb6 22.Bc3 Qe7 23.Qb2 Rfe8 24.Bd4 Qxe2 25.Qxe2 Rxe2 26.Bxb6 Nxb6 ½-½ Dorfman,J (2550)-Geller,E (2590) URS-ch46 Tbilisi 1978 (2)]
12...a5
[12...N5f6 13.Nc3 Ne4 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 cxd6 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Ndf6 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.Qd4 Rfe8 20.a5 Rac8 21.Rac1 Qe7 22.b4 h6 23.Rc2 Bb5 24.Rec1 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 d5 26.Ne1 Bc4 27.Nd3 1-0 (57) Skara,M (2598)-6.d3 d6 7.a4 a5 8.b5 (2456) Shakmatnoe Obozrenie theme 16th corr 1905]
13.e4! White is slightly better. **13...Nb4 14.Qb3 b6N**
[14...Bd6 15.Bg5 Qe8 16.Nc3 e5 17.Qd1 exd4 18.Nxd4 Ne5 E 05/41 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
15.Bxb4 0.01/20
[15.Na3± 0.54/20]
15...Bxb4 16.Nc3 Bb7 17.Rad1 Qe7 18.Re2 Rfd8 19.e5 Nf8 20.Ne1 -0.23/22
[20.h4 0.21/19]
20...Bxg2 0.14/21
[⌓20...c5 -0.23/22]
21.Nxg2= Rd7 22.Ne3 Rad8 23.Qc4 -0.20/21
[23.Red2 0.21/23 was preferable.]
23...Ng6 0.20/21
[⌓23...Qg5! -0.20/21]
24.f4! Qf8 25.Red2 Ne7 26.Rd3 h6 27.h4 c5 and ...cxd4 should not be overlooked **28.d5**



Bxc3 29.bxc3 exd5 0.64/20
[29...Nxd5!= -0.01/20 30.Nxd5 Rxd5]
30.Nxd5 0.01/21 White is more active.
[30.Qb5!± 0.64/20]
30...Nxd5 31.Rxd5 Rxd5 32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.Qxd5

(Diagram)

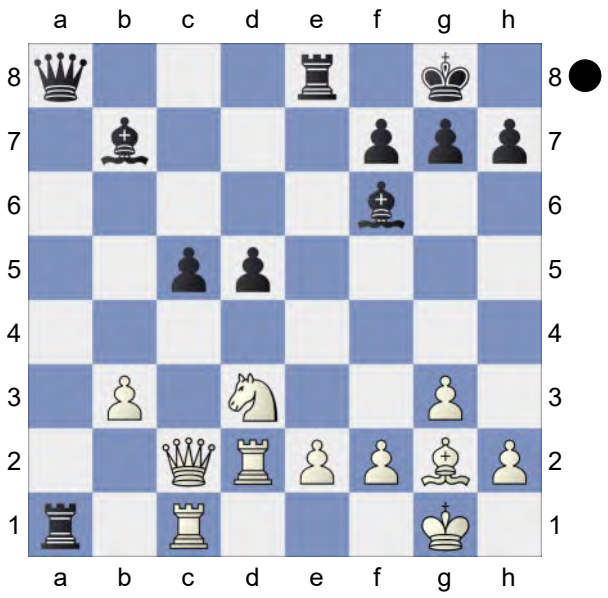


Endgame KQ-KQ **33...Qe8 34.f5 Qxa4 35.e6 fxe6 36.fxe6 Kf8 37.Qd8+ Qe8 38.Qxb6 a4** 1.03/24
[38...Qe7= 0.01/22]
39.Qxc5+± Kg8! 40.Qd6 0.01/20
[40.Qd5± 0.62/21 Kf8 41.Qd6+ Kg8 42.h5]
40...a3 1.26/22 **41.Qxa3** 0.32/23
[White should play 41.e7± 1.26/22]
41...Qxe6± 42.Qa8+ 0.11/24
[42.Qc5± 0.83/23]
42...Kh7!= The position is equal. **43.Qf3 Qe1+! 44.Kg2 Qd2+ 45.Kh3 Qd7+ 46.Qg4 Qd3 47.Qd4 Qf1+ 48.Kh2 Qe2+ 49.Kg1 g5! 50.Qf2 Qd3 51.Qf7+ Kh8 52.Qf6+ Kh7 53.Qe5 Kg6 54.Kf2 Qd2+ 55.Kf3 Qd3+ 56.Kf2 Qd2+ 57.Kf1** Hoping for Qe4+. **57...Qd1+ 58.Qe1 Qf3+ 59.Kg1 gxh4 60.Qe6+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
60...Kh5
½-½

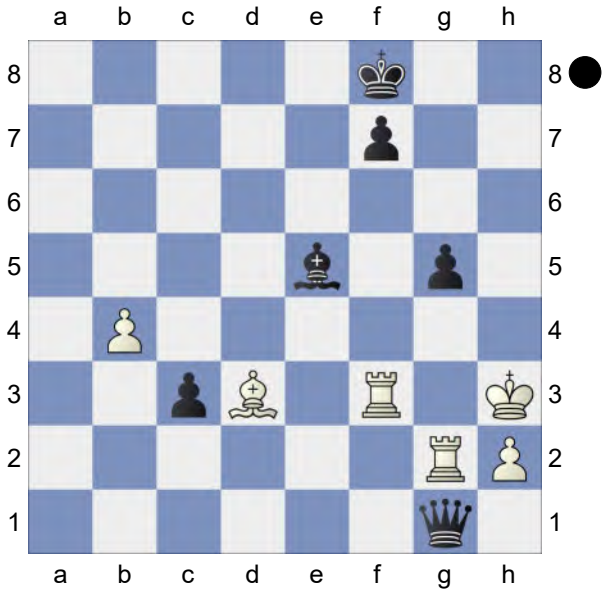
148 **E06**
□ **Bluebaum,M** **2663**
■ **Navara,D** **2657**
TCh-POL Ekstraliga 2025 (8.1) 09.06.25
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Qd3 b6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Bb7 The position is equal. **10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bf4 c5 12.b3 a5 13.Rfd1 a4 14.Rac1 axb3 15.axb3 Ra2N** 0.66/20
[15...Re8= 0.19/19]
[15...Ra3 16.Qc2 Re8 17.h4 h6 18.Qb2 Ra8 19.Ne5 Bf6 20.b4 cxb4 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.Rxc6 Ra5 23.Bh3 Line E6-7...b6]
16.Rd2 0.08/20
[16.Ra1± 0.66/20 Ra8 17.Qb5]
16...Ra3= 17.Qb1 Nf6 18.Ne5 Qa8 19.Bg5 Threatening Ng4. **19...Re8! 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.Bxf6** -0.85/22
[21.Qc2= 0.01/20 keeps the balance.]
21...Bxf6∓ 22.Nd3 -1.77/25
[22.Nd7∓ -0.78/21 only move. Bg5 23.f4]
22...Ra1-+ 23.Qc2

(Diagram)



c4↑ Black is really pushing. **24.Nc5** -4.10/22
[24.bxc4∓ -1.40/26 dxc4 Discovered Attack 25.Rxa1 *(25.Bxb7? cxd3 26.Bxa8 dxc2-+)* 25...Qxa1+ 26.Nc1]
24...c3 25.Rdd1 -5.68/24
[25.Rxa1 -3.91/26 was called for. Qxa1+ 26.Rd1]
25...Ra2 26.Qf5 Rexe2
[Weaker is 26...Raxe2 27.Nxb7 Qxb7 28.Bxd5∓]
27.Nxb7 Rxf2
[27...Qxb7 28.Bxd5 Qe7 29.Bf3 Rxf2 30.Qc8+ Qf8 31.Qc6-+]
28.Qxf2 Rxf2 29.Kxf2 Qxb7 30.Bxd5 Qa7+ 31.Kf3 Qc5 32.Rc2 Bd4? -1.86/22
[32...g5 -4.66/24 33.h4 gxh4 34.gxh4 Bxh4]
33.Ke4 Bf6 0.01/21
[33...Bg1-+ -2.10/21 White must now prevent ...Qe3+. 34.Rxg1 Qxg1 35.Rxc3 Qe1+ *(35...Qxh2 36.Rc8#)* 36.Kd4 Qf2+ 37.Kc4 Qxh2]
34.Kf3= h5 35.Kg2 h4 36.gxh4 Bxh4 37.Rd3 Bf6 38.Bc4 Qe7 39.Rf3 Qe4 40.Bd3 Qg4+ 41.Rg3 Qd1 42.Rf3 Kf8 43.b4 -6.44/23
[⌓43.Rcf2 -4.19/22 Qxb3 44.Rf4]
43...Bd4-+ 44.Re2 g5 45.Kg3 Qg1+ Black mates. **46.Rg2 Be5+ 47.Kh3**



g4+! Deflection **48.Rxg4**
[48.Kh4 Qxg2]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/Black=0.36
48...Qxh2#
0-1

150 **E08**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**
Djerba Masters 2025 (2.2) 16.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 3 **Nf6** 1:21 **2.Nf3** 6 **d5** 50 **3.c4** 6 **e6** 27 **4.g3** 9 **Be7** 1:48 **5.Bg2** 8 **0-0** 19 **6.0-0** 6 **Nbd7** 1:13
[6...c6 7.b3 *(7.Nc3 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 Nbd7 11.Re1 dxc4 12.bxc4 Bxc4 13.Nd2 Ba6 14.Bxc6 Rc8 15.Bb5 Nb8 16.e4 Ne8 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Qe2 Nb8 19.Rad1 Nd6 20.e5 Nf5 21.Nf3 Qe8* 1-0 Zhong,K (2566)-Kavalek,L (2598)

43rd Olympiad 2018 Open Batumi (3.1)) 7...Nbd7 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 b6 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.Ne3 c5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 N5f6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd5 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Nfe5 Kf8 20.Nd6 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 ½-½ Keres,P (2615)-Spassky,B (2690) It "Central Chess Club" Moscow (Russia) 1967]

7.Qc2 21 **a5N** 7

[7...Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 c6 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nbd2 g5 12.Ne1 Qg7 13.e3 Kh8 14.Nd3 h5 15.Nf3 Qh6 16.Nfe5 g4 17.Kh1 h4 18.gxh4 Kg7 19.f3 Qxh4 20.fxe4 Rh8 21.Kg1 Qxh2+ 22.Kf2 1-0 Fominyh,A (2571)-Adly,A (2209) Golden Cleopatra op Cairo 2001 (4)]

8.Bf4 2:08 **dxc4** 24:06 **9.Qxc4** 29 **Nd5** 2:48 **10.Nc3** 40 **N7b6** 2:14 **11.Qd3** 33 **Nxf4** 4:54 **12.gxf4** 3 **a4** 40 **13.e3** 9:28 **Ra5** 5:06 **14.Rac1** 8:31 **Bd7** 3:37 **15.Ne5** 4:33 **f6** 1:26 **16.Nxd7** 3:20 **Qxd7** 19 **17.Rfd1** 4:38 **c6** 8 **18.Ne4** 3:38 **Nd5** 1:27 **19.Qe2** 18:52 **Kh8** 9:20 **20.Kh1** 6:34 **Qe8** 1:22 **21.Rg1** -0.15/17 2:18

[⌓21.a3 0.29/18]

21...Nc7 0.46/18 1:25

[21...a3= -0.15/17]

22.Ng3 0.03/19 4:22

[22.Qd2± 0.46/18 Ra8 23.Nc5]

22...Qf7 3:29 **23.Be4** 5:00 **g6** 19 **24.Bb1** 6:09 **a3** 8:04 **25.b3** -0.58/17 13

[25.Ne4= -0.14/17 feels stronger.]

25...Na6 -0.04/18 11

[Better is 25...Rd5∓ -0.58/17]

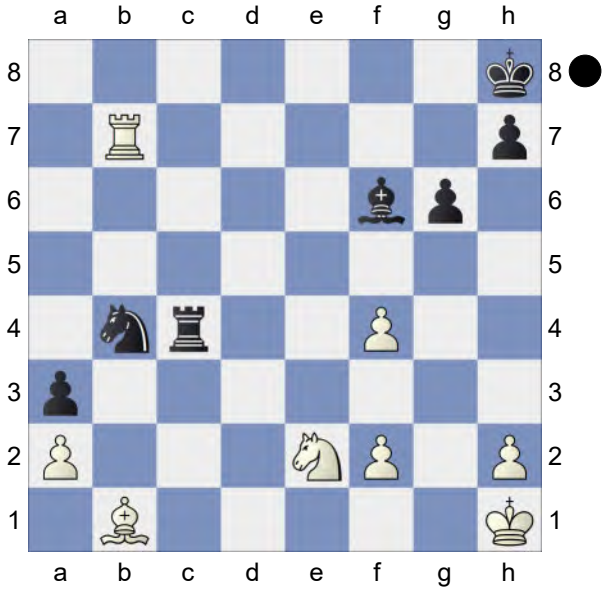
26.Qf3 3:34 **f5** 5:07 **27.Ne2** 9:34 **Bf6** 46 **28.Rgd1** 2:20 **c5** 6:22 **29.d5!** 48 **exd5** 58 **30.Rxd5** 45 **Nb4** 9 **31.Rd2** 2:03 **Rd8** 1:18 **32.Rxd8+** 37 **Bxd8** 2 **33.e4** 59 **fxe4** 3:05 **34.Qxe4** 2 **Bf6** 35 **35.Rd1** 1:46 **c4** 0.69/22 7:33 **36.Qxc4** 0.28/23 15

[36.bxc4± 0.69/22 Rc5 37.Rd8+ Decoy Bxd8 38.Qd4+ Kg8 39.Qxc5]

36...Qxc4= 14 **37.bxc4** 2 **Rc5** 7 **38.Rd7** -0.01/20 2:43

[38.Rd6!± 0.39/22 deserves consideration. Bh4 39.Rd4]

38...Rxc4 2:11 White must now prevent ...Nxa2! The position is equal. **39.Rxb7** 2



Nxa2! 32 Decoy **40.Rb8+** 26 **Kg7** 2 aiming for ...Nc1. **41.Rb7+** 6 **Kh8!** 4 ...Nc1 is the strong threat. **42.Rb8+** 6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

½-½

149 **E05**

□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**

■ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**

Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (5.5)

[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 I wanted to provide an informational to show the most natural way to play against the Catalan and explain why we went for the rare sideline

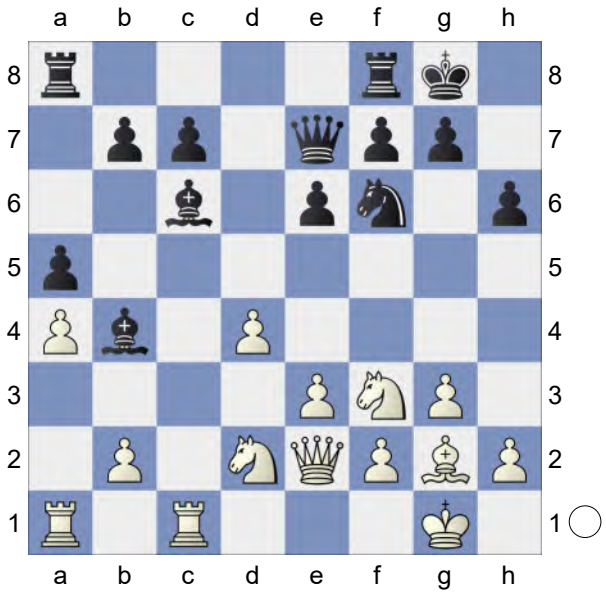
in this course. The following theory was taken from my Aggressive Queen's Gambit Declined course if you are thinking of playing this as an alternative. White has multiple options, some of which are quite theory-intense and easy to err in. We wanted something more points A to B and ideas based in this text. Let's get into some of the honeycomb variations to see what you would need to learn to play against the mainline Open Catalan with Black. Anytime it is noted that White has other options they are covered in detail in the aforementioned text. We stuck to the mainlines to give the reader an idea of the complexity of the mainline. **1.d4** 4 **Nf6** 6 **2.Nf3** 5 **d5** 4 **3.c4** 6 **e6** 4 **4.g3** 6 **Be7** 4 **5.Bg2** 4 **0-0** 5 **6.0-0** 7 **dxc4** 2 **7.Qc2** 8 **a6** 7 **8.a4** 8 **Bd7** 2 **9.Qxc4** 16 **Bc6** 6 **10.Bg5** 6 **Nbd7** 5 **11.Rc1N** 20

[11.Nc3 a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6 8) Catalan-Dessaules,P 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]

11...a5 4:07 **12.e3** 3:49 **h6** 9:58 The position is equal. **13.Bxf6** 15 **Nxf6** 6 **14.Nbd2** 24 **Bb4** 4:40 **15.Qe2** 20 **Qe7** 0.56/21 8:35

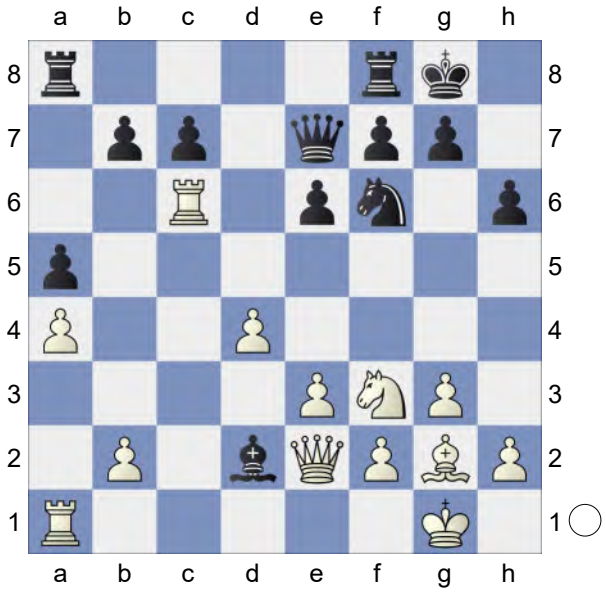
[15...Bd5= 0.17/17 is superior.]

(Diagram)



16.Rxc6!± 1:41 **Bxd2** 11:53

[16...bxc6 17.Ne5]



17.Qxd2! 10:01 **bxc6** 1:00 **18.Ne5** 4 **Nd5** 1.18/21 12:23

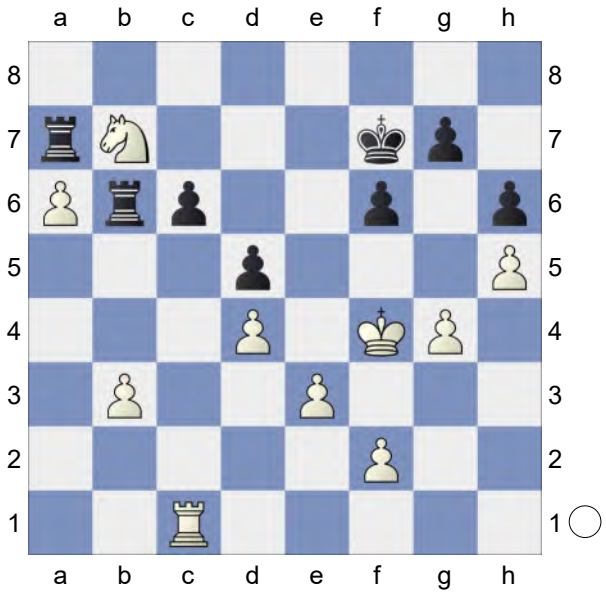
[⌓18...c5 0.76/21]

19.Nxc6± 46 White is much more active. **19...Qd6** 5 **20.Rc1** 27:35

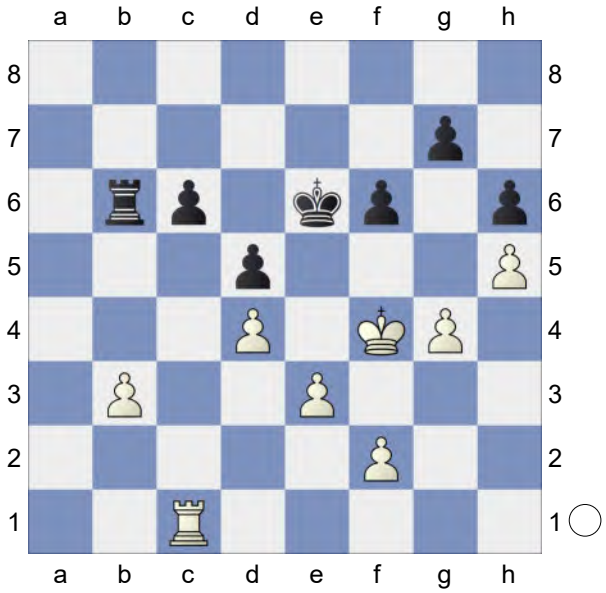
[20.Nxa5?! Rfb8±]

20...Ra6 4:42 **21.Nxa5** 3:00 **Rb8** 18:11 **22.Rc5** 10:45 **Qb6** 8:02 **23.b3** 13:14 **Qb4** 2:04 **24.Qxb4** 11 **Nxb4** 5 **25.Bf1** 5:45 Prevents Nd3. **25...Raa8** 5 **26.Be2**

4:57 **Kf8** 4:56 **27.Kf1** 52 **Na6** 1.64/23 1:25
[27...g6!± 0.63/18 28.Bc4 Rb6]
28.Rc1 4:03 **Nb4** 19 **29.Nc4** 4:45 **Na2** 48 **30.Ra1** 1:34 **Nc3** 1:12 **31.Bf3** 9 **Ra7** 24 **32.Nd2** 36 **Ke7** 47 **33.Rc1** 9 **Na2** 27 **34.Rc5** 38 **Nb4** 43 **35.Ke2** 14 **Kd7** 36 **36.h4** 33 **f6** 1:36 **37.h5** 59 **c6** 1:07 **38.g4** 1:18 **Rc7** 1:18 **39.Be4** 2:17 **Nd5** 51 **40.Rc1** 50 **Kd6** 36 **41.Bd3** 1:26 **Ke7** 50 **42.Be4?** -0.01/19 1:36
[White should try 42.Rc5+- 1.71/20]
42...Kd6!= 52 **43.Bf3** 1.20/19 59
[43.Nc4++- 1.64/19 Ke7 44.Na5]
43...Ke7 1.63/19 1:36
[43...Nb4± 1.20/19 44.Rc5 Rd7 45.Nc4+ Kc7]
44.Bxd5 1.10/19 40
[Better is 44.Rc5+- 1.63/19]
44...exd5+- 1 Endgame. KRR-KRN
45.Kf3 7 **Ke6** 1:37 **46.Kf4** 0.09/18 34
[46.Rc5± 0.66/20]
46...Rf8 1.15/23 2:43
[46...Rcc8= 0.09/18 keeps the balance.]
47.Nf3± 5 White stays focused until the end. **47...Rb8** 45 **48.Rc3** 16 **Rb4** 2.56/23 11
[48...Kf7± 1.37/23 is a better defense. 49.Ng1 Rbc8]
49.Ne1+- 17 **Rb8** 1:11 **50.Nd3** 5 aiming for Nc5+. **50...Rcc8** 24 **51.Nc5+** 11 **Kf7** 4 **52.Kf5** 24 **Re8** 2.38/23 1:19
[⌓52...Rb6 1.81/26 53.Rc2 *(53.a5 Rb5±)* 53...Ra8]
53.Rc1 2:54 **Rb4** 26 **54.a5** 40 **Ra8** 3.28/25 51
[⌓54...Rc8 2.21/26 55.a6 Ra8]
55.a6 1.58/25 17
[55.Ne6+- 3.28/25]
55...Ra7± 5 **56.Kf4** 1:34 **Rb5** 20 **57.Nb7** 44 Against Ra5. Hoping for Nd6+. **57...Rb6** 40



58.Nd6+! 19 **Ke6** 14 **59.Nc8** 1 **Raxa6** 3 **60.Nxb6** 6 **Rxb6+-** 1

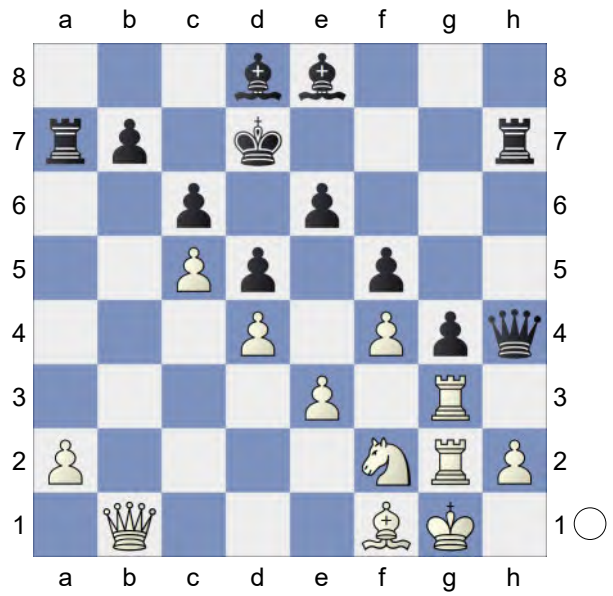


KR-KR **61.b4!** 1:33 **Ra6** 44 **62.Rc2** 5 **Rb6** 16 **63.Rc5** 1:51 **Kd6** 45 **64.Kf5** 25 **Rxb4** 2 **65.Rc2** 24 Against Rb2 **65...Rb1** 1:00 **66.Kg6** 36 **Rg1** 5 **67.f3** 1:01
[Don't take 67.Kxg7 Rxg4+ 68.Kxh6 *(68.Kxf6 Rg5=)* 68...Rg5]
67...Rg3 5 **68.Kxg7** 1.25/25 45
[68.Rf2+- 2.78/25 has better winning chances.]
68...f5? 8.15/25 38

[68...Rxf3± 1.25/25 69.Kxh6 Rg3]
69.Kxh6 18 g5 would now be deadly. White is clearly winning. **69...fxg4** 1 **70.f4** 13 **Rxe3** 28 **71.f5** 1:10 And now f6 would win. **71...Rh3** 2:17 **72.Kg6** 24 **g3** 29 **73.Rg2** 24 **Ke7** 15 **74.f6+** 1:52 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
1-0

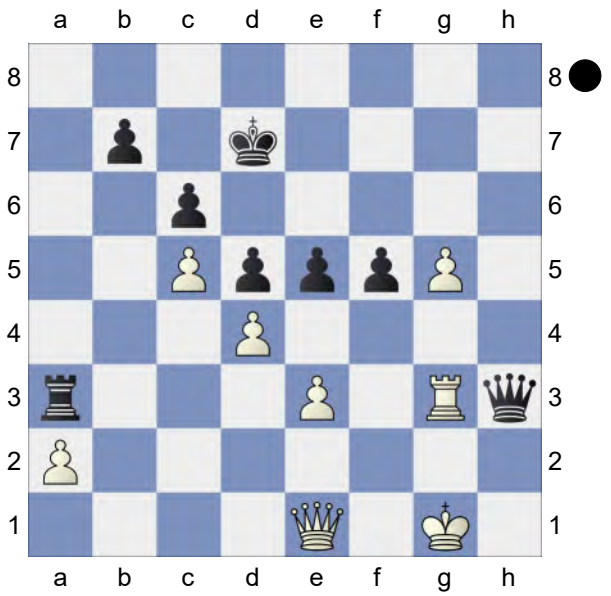
151 **D30**
□ **Gelfand,B** **2652**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R** **2779**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (3.3) 06.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 White has an edge. **8...Ne4 9.Nc3 f5**
[9...Nxd2 10.Nxd2 0-0 11.e3 *(11.e4 dxe4 12.Ncxe4 f5 13.Nc3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Rfe1 Qc7 16.Nf3 Ng4 17.h3 Bc5 18.hxg4 fxg4 19.Ng5 Bxf2+ 20.Kh1 g6 21.Nge4 Bxe1 22.Rxe1 Bf5 23.c5 Kh8 24.Qd2 Qe5 25.Qd6 Qg7* 1-0 (48) Chan,K (2274)-Blomqvist,E (2483) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (9)) 11...Rb8 12.Rab1 a5 13.a3 b5 14.c5 e5 15.b4 a4 16.Rbd1 Qe8 17.Rfe1 e4 18.Ndxe4 dxe4 19.Bxe4 Nf6 20.Bg2 Bg4 21.f3 Be6 22.Qf2 Nd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.e4 0-1 (34) Vidit,S (2723)-Grischuk,A (2742) chess.com INT 2022 (1.4)]
10.Rad1 Nxd2 11.Rxd2N
[11.Nxd2 0-0 12.e3 Bd6 13.c5 Bc7 14.f4 g5 15.Nf3 gxf4 16.gxf4 Kh8 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.fxe5 b6 19.cxb6 axb6 20.Rf3 Ba6 21.Kh1 Rg8 22.Qf2 Qe7 23.Rg1 Bd3 24.Rg3 Rxg3 25.Qxg3 Rg8 0-1 (47) Batchuluun,T (2466)-Matlakov,M (2662) Dubai UAE 2023 (1.6)]
11...0-0 12.e3 Bd6 13.Rb1 a5 14.Ne2 Qe7 15.Nf4 Nf6 16.c5 Bc7 17.Nd3 Bd7 18.Nfe5 0.33/19
[18.a4± 0.71/21]
18...Be8± 19.Rc1 0.01/20
[19.Re2± 0.50/21]
19...g5 20.f3 Kh8 21.Re2 Qg7 22.Rb1 g4 0.39/21
[22...Nd7= -0.08/19]
23.f4 0.01/23
[23.b4± 0.39/21]
23...h5= 24.b4 Rg8 25.bxa5 Bxa5 26.Rb3 Qh7 0.76/21
[26...Qe7= 0.15/20 remains equal.]
27.Qb1 0.01/24
[27.Ra3± 0.76/21]
27...Ra7 0.62/22
[27...Rg7= 0.01/24]
28.Reb2 0.01/19
[28.Nc1± 0.62/22]
28...Rg7 29.Nc1 h4 30.Ne2 Kg8 31.gxh4 Qxh4 32.Ng3
[32.Rxb7? Rgxb7 33.Rxb7 Rxb7 34.Qxb7 Qe1+ 35.Bf1 Kf8-+]
32...Nh5 33.Nf1 A dynamic duo of knights.
[33.Rxb7 Raxb7 34.Rxb7 Rxb7 35.Qxb7 Nxg3 36.hxg3 Qxg3-+]
33...Qe7 34.Ng3 Qh4 35.Nf1
[35.Rxb7 Raxb7 36.Rxb7 Rxb7 37.Qxb7 Nxg3 38.hxg3 Qxg3-+]
35...Qe7 36.Ng3 Rh7 37.Nxh5 Bxh5 38.Bf1 Be8 39.Rg2 Kf8 40.Rg3 Qh4 41.Rb2 Bc7 42.Rbg2 Ke7 0.82/21
[42...Bxe5= -0.01/21 43.fxe5 Bg6]
43.Nd3!± Kd7 44.Nf2! Bd8 1.11/23
[44...Rh8± 0.55/22]

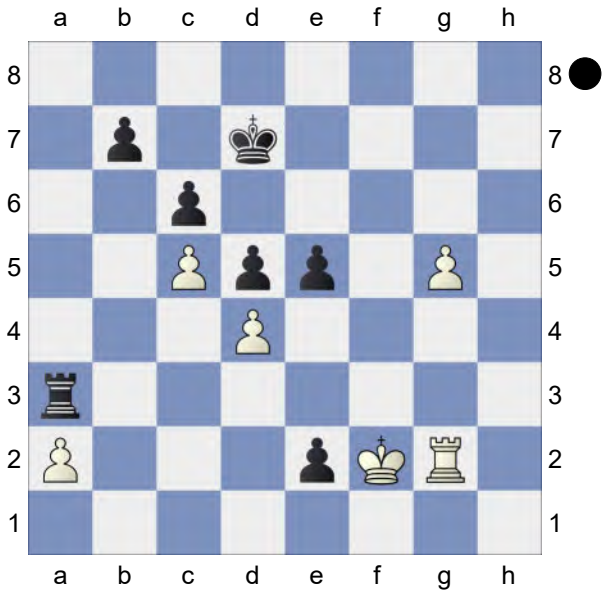


45.Bd3! Hoping for Nxg4!. **45...Rh5** 1.08/21
[45...Rh8± 0.44/23]
46.h3 0.33/21
[Better is 46.Be2± 1.08/21]
46...gxh3± 47.Rxh3 0.27/21
[47.Nxh3± 0.68/19 should be considered. Kc8 48.Nf2]
47...Qf6= 48.Be2 Rxh3 49.Nxh3 Qh4 50.Ng5 Bh5 51.Bxh5 Qxh5 52.Rh2 Qg4+ 53.Rg2⇄ White is fighting back
53...Qh5 54.Rh2 Qg4+ 55.Kf2 Bxg5 56.fxg5 Endgame KQR-KQR **56...e5!**
[56...Qxg5? 57.Rh7+ Ke8 58.a4+-]
57.Rg2 Qh4+ 58.Kg1 Qh3
[58...exd4 59.Qxf5+ Kc7 60.g6 Qe1+ 61.Kh2 Qh4+ 62.Qh3 Qxh3+ 63.Kxh3 dxe3 64.g7+-]
59.Qe1
[59.Qb3 is more complex. Ke6 60.g6 Ra8 61.g7]
59...Ra3 This move loses the game for White. **60.Rg3** -6.87/24
[60.g6= 0.01/18 Rxe3 *(60...Qxe3+? 61.Qxe3 Rxe3 62.g7+-)* 61.Qb4]

(Diagram)



60...Qh4!-+ Black is clearly winning.
61.Qf2 f4 62.Rg2 Qxf2+ Remove Defender **63.Kxf2 fxe3+**
[63...Rxe3? 64.g6 Ra3 *(64...exd4?* perishes. *65.g7+-)* 65.g7 *(65.dxe5 Ke8=)* 65...Rxa2+ *(65...exd4? 66.g8Q+-)* 66.Kg1 Ra1+ 67.Kh2+-]
64.Kf3 e2+
[Worse is 64...exd4 65.Rg4∓]
65.Kf2

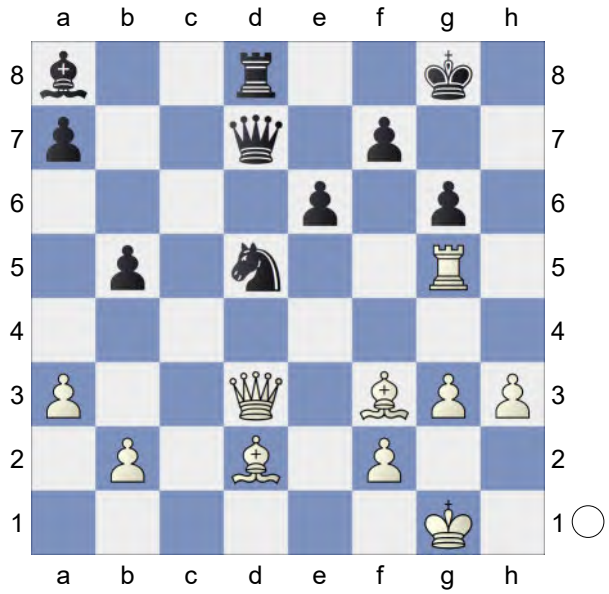


Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

65...Re3! Promotion
0-1

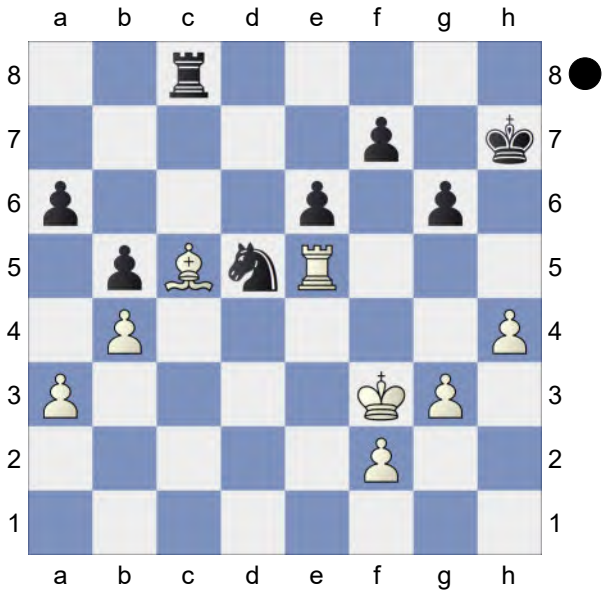
152 **E09**
□ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2646**
■ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**
Masters Open 2024 (5.17) 07.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E09: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 c6 8 Nbd2 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Bb7 11.Rd1**
[11.Bg5 h6 12.e5 hxg5 13.Nxg5 Ba6 14.Rfe1 Bxc4 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Qxc4 Rc8 17.Rad1 Nd5 18.Nf3 Qd6 19.Ne5 Bf6 20.Ng4 Rfd8 21.Qe2 Ne7 22.Ne5 Nf5 23.Bh3 g6 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.h4 Qd5 0-1 Halkias,S (2537)-Deac,B (2643) 2021 (1)]
11...c5
[11...Rc8 12.Nfe5 Qc7 13.Bf4 Nh5 14.Nxd7 Nxf4 15.Nxf8 Nxg2 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Kxg2 Rf8 18.Ne3 c5 19.d5 Qe5 20.f4 Qh5 21.Qf2 Bf6 22.Qf3 Qxf3+ 23.Kxf3 Bxb2 24.Rab1 Bd4 25.dxe6 Bc8 26.Nf5 1-0 Kocu,A (2437)-Laszlo,D (1965) Capablanca mem Elite 35th Varadero 2000 (11)]
12.e5 Nd5 13.Qe4 b5N
[13...Kh8 14.h4 h6 15.Qg4 4. ...d5 and ...e6: The Catal-#052 Closed Catalan with ...]
14.Nd6 White is slightly better.
14...Bxd6 15.Ng5!
[15.exd6 c4∓]
15...g6! 16.exd6 And now Nxe6! would win. **16...N7f6! 17.Qh4 Qxd6 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Nf3 Rac8** 0.51/22
[19...Rfc8= 0.00/19]
20.Ne5± White has compensation.
20...Qc7 21.Re1 h5 22.Bh6 Rfe8! 23.Rad1 Nh7 24.Rc1 Qd6 25.Qd4 Qb6
[25...Rxc1 simplifies 26.Rxc1 Nhf6 27.Bf1 b4]
26.Qh4 -0.22/17
[⌓26.Qxb6 0.24/21 axb6 27.Nd7]
26...Rc7 0.23/21
[26...Ndf6! -0.22/17 should be considered.]
27.h3
[27.Bxd5 simplifies Bxd5 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qd4]
27...Ba8 0.51/19
[27...Ne7= 0.12/19]
28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qd4 Qb6 30.Qd3→ Strongly threatening Nxg6! White attacks. **30...Qb7 31.Bf3** 0.38/20
[31.Nxg6 Nb4 32.Bxb7 Nxd3 33.Bxa8 Nxe1∓]
[White should play 31.Be4± 0.79/18 aiming for Bxg6! Nhf6 *(31...Nf8 32.g4=)* 32.Bxg6 Demolition]
31...Nhf6 32.a3 White is much more active.
[Wrong is 32.Nxg6? Nb4-+]
32...Kh7 33.Bg5 0.13/18
[33.Bd2± 0.64/18]
33...Nd7!= 34.Bd2 This pair of bishops is nice.
[34.Bxh5? perishes. Nxe5 *(34...Nf4? 35.Bxg6+ Kg7 36.Bh6+* Decoy *Kxh6 37.Nxf7+ Kg7 38.Qe4-+)* 35.Rxe5 Nf4-+]
34...Nxe5 0.85/18
[34...Re7= 0.19/20]
35.Rxe5± Black must now prevent Bxd5!
35...Qd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **36.Rxh5+ Kg8 37.Rg5 Rd8** 1.38/21
[Black should try 37...Bc6 0.86/20 38.h4 b4]



38.Qe2 0.01/19
[38.Bxd5!± 1.38/21 Rxg6+! is the strong threat. Bxd5 39.Bc3]
38...a6 0.57/18
[38...Nb6!= 0.01/19 39.Bxa8 Qxd2 40.Qxd2 Rxd2 41.Rxb5 Nc4 *(41...Rd1+? 42.Kg2+-)*]
39.h4 0.00/25
[39.Kh2± 0.57/18]
39...Ne7= Hoping for ...Bxf3. The position is equal. **40.Bb4 Bxf3 41.Qxf3 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Qxf3+ 43.Kxf3 Nd5 44.Bc5 Rc8 45.b4 Kh7 46.Re5**

(Diagram)



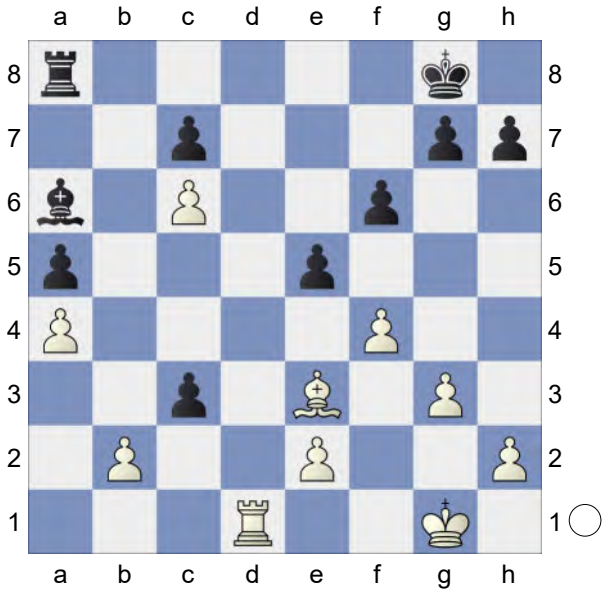
a5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

154 **E06**
□ **Rodshtein,M** **2645**
■ **Liang,Awonder** **2696**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (5.15) 08.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Ne5 Nc6 8.Bxc6
[8.Nxc4 Qxd4 *(8...Nxd4 9.a4∓)* 9.Qb3 Qc5∓]
8...bxc6 9.Nxc6 A dynamic duo of knights. **9...Qe8 10.Nxe7+** The position is equal. **10...Qxe7 11.Qa4 Nd5** 0.48/20
[11...c5= 0.07/19 12.dxc5 Qxc5]
12.0-0 a5 13.Re1 Qb4 14.a3 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Nb6N
[15...Rd8 16.Rd1 Bd7 17.Nc5 Bc6 18.Bd2 Nb6 19.Bf4 Ra7 20.Rac1 Na4 21.Rd2 c3 22.bxc3 Nxc5 23.dxc5 Rxd2 24.Bxd2 Rb7 25.c4

a4 26.Bb4 Kf8 27.f4 Ke7 28.g4 Rb8 29.Kf2 f6 30.h4 1-0 (63) Theodorou,N (2598)-Hakobyan,A (2613) Saint Louis 154/170 2022 e5 31.fxe5 fxe5 32.Kg3 Ke6 33.Rd1 Be4 34.Rd2 h6 35.h5 Ra8 36.Kh4 Rf8 37.Ba5 Rf4 38.Kg3 Rf7 39.Rd8 Re7 40.Bc3 Bb7 41.Rf8 Be4 42.c6 Bxc6 43.Rf5 Rf7 44.Rxe5+ Kd7 45.g5 1-0 (63) Olape,B (2598)-Theis,B (2613) USA-ch Saint Louis 2015]

16.Nc5 Nd7! 17.Bf4 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Ra7 Black is weak on the dark squares **19.Rac1 f6 20.c6 Ba6 21.a4 e5 22.Be3 Raa8 23.Red1 Rfd8 24.f4 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1=** Endgame KRB-KRB **25...c3**



Discovered Attack **26.bxc3 Bxe2 27.Rd7 Rc8! 28.fxe5 fxe5 29.Rd5 Bf3 30.Rxe5**

[30.Rxa5 Bxc6 31.c4 *(31.Rxe5 Bxa4 32.Bf4 c6=)* 31...Rf8=]

30...Bxc6 31.Rxa5 Kf7 0.90/20

[31...Ra8± 0.46/23 is superior. 32.Rxa8+ Bxa8]

32.Bd4 0.23/18 White is more active.

[32.Bf4± 0.90/20]

32...g6! 33.Kf2 Ke6 34.Ke3 Rf8 35.Rc5

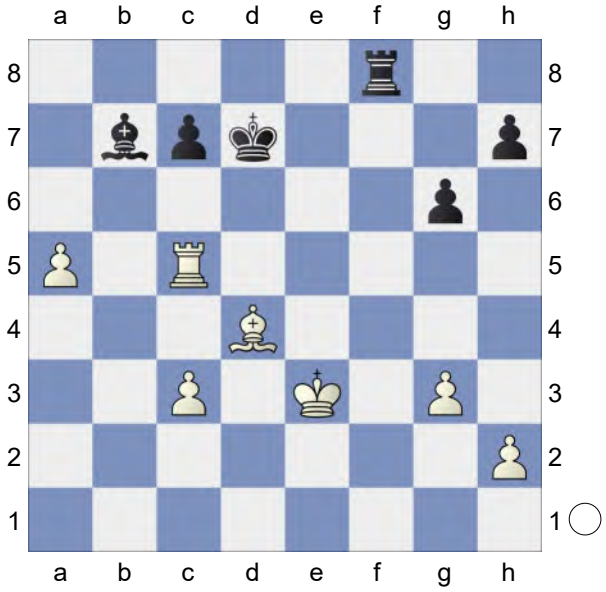
[35.Be5!?]

35...Kd7 0.99/25

[35...Kd6± 0.31/21]

36.a5± Bb7 0.97/25

[36...Rb8!± 0.43/22]



37.Be5! c6 38.Bf4 Re8+ 39.Kd4 Re1 40.c4 Ba6 41.h4 Rd1+ 42.Kc3 and Re5 should not be overlooked This move loses the game for Black. **42...Rh1?** 3.54/24

[42...Re1± 1.30/25 43.h5 Re4]

43.Re5+- Rb1 44.h5 Rb8 5.28/27

[44...Ra1 3.55/23 was necessary. 45.Kb4 Ra2]

45.hxg6 hxg6 46.Rg5 Rg8 47.Kd4 Kc8 48.Kc5 Kb7 49.Re5 Ka7 50.Be3

[50.Kxc6 Rc8+ 51.Kd6 Bxc4±]

50...Bb7 51.Kb4+ Kb8 52.Re7 g5 53.Bd4 g4 54.Be3 Rf8 55.Rg7 Re8 56.Bb6 Bc8 57.Kc5 Be6 58.Bc7+

[58.Kxc6 Bxc4 59.Rxg4 Rc8+ 60.Kd6 Kb7 61.Rg7+ Ka6±]

58...Kb7 59.Bd8+ Ka8 60.Bf6 Bf5 61.a6

[61.Kxc6? too greedy. Re6+ 62.Kc7 Rxf6-+]

61...Bc8 62.Kb6
[Not 62.Kxc6 Re6+ 63.Kc7 Rxf6±]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.47
62...c5
1-0

153 **E10**
□ **Rodshtein,M** **2645**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2771**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (6.5) 09.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bf4 a5 10.Rd1 h6 11.h4N
[11.Ne5 Qb6 *(11...a4 12.Nc3 a3 13.b3 g5 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Bd2 f5 16.e3 Qe8 17.Ne2 Nf6 18.Nc1 h5 19.Nd3 h4 20.b4 Qh5 21.Ne5 hxg3 22.hxg3 Bd6 23.f3 g4 24.f4 Kg7 25.Be1 Rh8 26.Kf1* 0-1 (45) Lazavik,D (2544)-Keymer,V (2700) Chessable Masters Div 2 Win rapid 2023 (2.3)*)* 12.Be3 Qa6 13.Nd2 b5 14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.c5 Be8 16.Bf4 Qa7 17.e4 g5 18.Be5 Ng4 19.Nf3 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 f6 21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.exd5 Bxd5 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qxh6+ Kg8 25.Qg6+ Kh8 ½-½ (30) Lenderman,A (2535)-Shankland,S (2712) ch Saint Louis 2022 (6)]
[11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Nd2 Nb6 13.e4 *(13.Nce4 Nfd5 14.Nxc4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Qc7 17.e3 Rd8 18.Rac1 Bd7 19.Nc5 Be8 20.Nd3 Qb6 21.Rd2 Rac8 22.Rdc2 Bd6 23.a3 Kh8 24.Qc3 Ra8 25.Nc5 Qc7 26.Kh1 Qe7 27.Rg1 Rab8* ½-½ (77) Rognon,R (2570)-6...a6 and 7...d5 with 11...a (2316) SLO-chT sf Skofja Loka 1997 (3)*)* 13...a4 14.a3 Bd7 15.Re1 Qc8 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.h3 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.Nxd5 Nfxd5 20.exd5 Bf8 21.g4 h5 22.Re5 hxg4 23.Be4 Bd6 24.Bh7+ Kf8 25.Ne4 Bxe5 ½-½ (40) Pechac,J (2598)-Keymer,V (2675) 4th Prague Challengers 2022 (3.1)]
[11.b3 b6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Nc3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Nb5 g5 17.Be3 Nxe5 18.Qc7 Qxc7 19.Nxc7 Rac8 20.Bxb6 Bd8 21.Rac1 Nc6 22.Bc5 Rxc7 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Rc5 Be7 25.Rc2 Rd7 0-1 (37) Dgebuadze,A (2417)-Ochtman,H (2084) Delft OGD Rapid op 24th 2025 (1)]
11...Nh5 12.e3! White is slightly better.
12...a4 13.Nbd2 a3 14.b3 b6 15.Rac1 Bb7 0.49/18
[15...Ba6= 0.13/18]
16.cxd5 -0.01/18
[16.Ne5± 0.49/18]
16...Nxf4= 17.exf4 cxd5 18.Qc7 Rb8 19.Nf1 Nf6 20.Ne3 Bd6 21.Qxd8 Rfxd8 22.Ne5 g6 23.Nc6 Bxc6 24.Rxc6 Kg7 25.Rdc1 Ng8 26.Bh3 Ne7 27.R6c2 b5 28.Kf1 Rb6 29.Bg4 h5 30.Be2 Kf8 31.Bd3 Ke8 32.Ng2 Kd7 33.Ne1 Rc8 34.Rxc8 Nxc8 35.Nf3 Na7! 36.Ke2 Nc6 37.Ke3 -0.62/27
[White should play 37.Kd2= -0.01/26]
37...Nb4∓ 38.Bb1 -0.62/29
[38.Ne5+!= -0.01/30 Ke7 *(38...Bxe5 39.fxe5 Kd8 40.f3=)* 39.Bb1]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
38...Rb8 -0.12/29
[Black should play 38...Rb7∓ -0.62/29]
½-½

155 **E06**
□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2643**
■ **Yoo,Christopher Woojin** **2588**
Sardinia World Open A (5.1) 30.04.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
The following game was played in the third round of the Chess Olympiad in Chennai, India, in the match Austria - Germany. The German team had won the first two rounds against Sudan and Finland without any major difficulties, and now the first real challenge was waiting for us with Austria, although we still went into this match clearly favored. On the second board I had to play with White against Valentin Dragnev and was therefore one of the players whose task it was to put pressure on the opposing team.Die folgende Partie wurde in der dritten Runde der Schacholympiade in Chennai in Indien im Match Österreich - Deutschland gespielt. Die ersten beiden Runden hatte die deutsche Mannschaft gegen Sudan und Finnland ohne größere Schwierigkeiten und nun wartete mit Österreich die erste richtige Herausforderung auf uns, wobei wir immernoch deutlich favorisiert in dieses Match gingen. Am zweiten Brett bekam ich es mit Weiß gegen Valentin Dragnev zu tun und war somit einer derjenigen, dessen Aufgabe es war, Druck auf die gegnerische Mannschaft auszuüben.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b5 8.a4 Bb7 9.axb5 a6 10.Nc3 Prevents Be4. White is slightly better.

[10.Qxc4? axb5 11.Qxb5 Bc6 *(11...Rxa1? 12.Qxb7 Rxb1 13.Qa7-+)* 12.Rxa8 Bxb5-+]

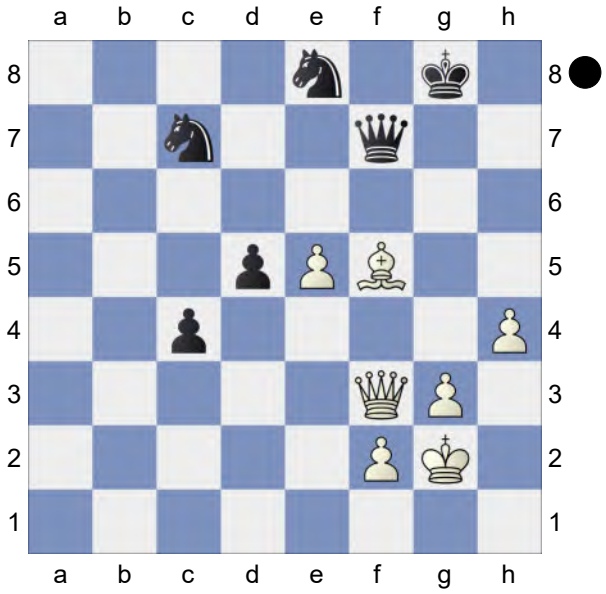
10...axb5 11.Rxa8 Bxa8 12.Nxb5 Bd5 13.Bf4 c5 14.dxc5 Nd6 is the strong threat. **14...Qa5 15.Nc3** Nxd5 is in the air **15...Qxc5 16.Be3**

[16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 Rc8 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Be3 Qc6 22.Qd2 Qb5 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.Qxh6 Qxb2 25.Qh4 Rc5 26.Qd8+ Kg7 27.Qg5+ Kf8 28.Qd8+ Kg7 29.Qg5+ Kf8 30.Qd8+ ½-½ Subelj,J (2486)-Walter, S (2387) AUT-chT 2223 2022 (7.1)]

16...Qc7N

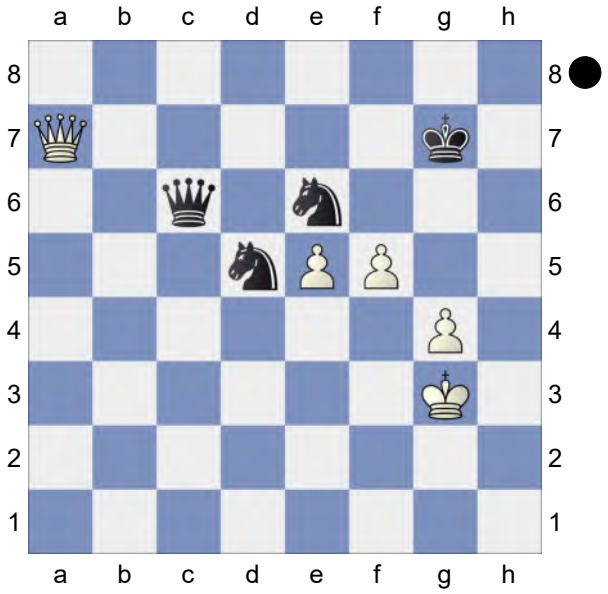
[16...Qa5 17.Bd2 *(17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Nf6 20.Ne4 Qe5 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Rd1 Kg7 23.e3 Rc8 24.Rd4 Qa5 25.Rg4+ Kh8 26.Rh4 f5 27.Qd1 Qe5 28.Bb7 Rg8 29.Qd4 Qxd4 30.Rxd4 Kg7 31.Rxc4 Nd7* 1-0 (50) Svane,R (2649)-Dragnev,V (2557) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (3.2) *32.Rc7 Ne5 33.Bc8 Kf6 34.Kf1 Rd8 35.Ke2 Rd6 36.f4 Nd3 37.Bd7 e5 38.Be8 e4 39.Rxf7+ Ke6 40.Rc7 Nxb2 41.Rxh7 Rd8 42.Bb5 Rb8 43.Bd7+ Kf6 44.Rh6+ Kg7 45.Rc6 Nd3 46.Bxf5 Rb2+* 1-0 (50) Melkumyan,H (2634)-McShane,L (2649) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (5.2)*)* 17...Ba8 18.Nd1 Qc5 19.Ne3 Rc8 20.Rc1 Bd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Ne5 Nb6 23.Qe4 Bf6 24.Bc3 N8d7 25.Bd4 Qd6 26.Nxd7 Bxd4 27.Nxb6 Qxb6 28.e3 Bxb2 29.Rxc4 Qa6 30.Rxc8+ Qxc8 31.Qb7 ½-½ (37) Panov Botvinnik Attack (2766)- ♘d7 10.d4_242407 (2753) 17. World Junior Ch., City 1987 (10.3) Qxb7 32.Bxb7 g6 33.Kg2 Kg7 34.Ba8 Ba1 35.Bb7 Bb2 36.Ba8 Ba1 37.Bb7 Bb2 1-0 Nakamura,H (2760)-Caruana,F (2783) Candidates Tournament 2022

(8)]
17.Rd1 Nc6 18.Bf4 Qb6 0.50/25
[18...Qa5= 0.13/24]
19.Nxd5 -0.07/25
[19.e4± 0.50/25 Nb4 20.Qe2]
19...exd5= 20.Ne5 Nd4 21.Be3 Bc5 22.Qd2 Ne6 A dynamic duo of knights.
23.Bxc5
[23.Bxd5 feels hotter. Rd8 24.Nc6 Rxd5 25.Ne7+]
23...Qxc5 24.e3 -0.57/25
[24.Bxd5? Rd8 25.Qc2 *(25.e4? Nxe4-+ Pin)* 25...Rxd5-+ *(25...Nxd5 26.Qxc4 Qxc4 27.Nxc4-+)*]
[24.Qc2!= -0.06/24]
24...Rb8 -0.01/24
[24...Qc7∓ -0.57/25 25.f4 Qc5]
25.h3
[25.Bxd5? Rd8 26.Bxe6 *(26.e4? Nxe4-+ Pin)* 26...Rxd2 27.Rxd2 Qa5 28.Bxf7+ *(28.Nxc4? Qa1+ 29.Kg2 Qa8+ 30.Kg1 fxe6-+)* 28...Kf8 29.Nxc4 Qa1+ 30.Kg2 Kxf7 *(30...Qa8+? 31.Kg1-+)* 31.Ne5+ Ke8-+]
25...h5! 26.Qc2
[26.Bxd5? Rd8 27.Bxe6 *(27.e4? Nxe4 Pin 28.Qc2 Rxd5-+)* 27...Rxd2 28.Bxf7+ Kf8 29.Rxd2 Qxe5 30.Bxc4 Ne4-+]
26...Qc7! 27.Nf3 Qb6 -0.20/23
[27...Qb7!∓ -0.82/23 28.Rd2 Ne4]
28.Rd2! g6 29.Ne5 Qc7 30.Nxg6 Demolition **30...fxg6 31.Qxg6+**
[31.Bxd5 Nxd5 32.Qxg6+ Ng7 33.Rxd5 Rxb2 34.Rxh5 Qb7∓]
31...Qg7 32.Qf5 Nc7 33.e4! Qh6 34.Rc2 Rxb2 Decoy **35.Rxb2 Qc1+ 36.Kh2** White wants to mate with Qg6+.
36...Qxb2 37.e5 Nfe8 38.h4 Qd4? -0.69/27
[Black should try 38...Qb6-+ -2.71/27 39.Qg5+ Ng7 40.Qd8+ Nge8 41.Qg5+ *(41.Bxd5+? Kf8-+)*]
39.Qg5+∓ Kf8 40.Qf5+ Ke7 41.Bh3 Qe4 -0.61/27
[41...Qb6!∓ -1.13/28 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Qh8+ Kf7 44.Qxh5+ Kg7 *(44...Qg6 45.Qf3+ Kg8 46.h5∓)*]
42.Qg5+ -1.18/28
[42.Qxh5∓ -0.61/27 c3 43.Qg5+ Kf7 44.Bg4]
42...Kf7 -0.81/24
[⌓42...Kf8 -1.18/28 43.Qh6+ Kg8 44.Qg5+ Ng7 45.Qd8+ Nce8]
43.Qxh5+∓ Qg6 44.Qf3+ Kg8! 45.Bf5 -1.79/24
[45.Qe3∓ -1.13/24]
45...Qf7-+ 46.Kg2



d4 -0.23/24
[46...Ne6!∓ -1.52/24 White must now prevent ...d4. 47.h5 N8c7 48.Qg4+ Kh8]
47.h5= d3 Deflection Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **48.Bxd3?** -2.47/27
cxd3-+
[Much less strong is 48...Qxf3+ 49.Kxf3 cxd3 50.Ke3-+]
49.Qxd3 Qxh5 50.Qc4+? -4.42/25
[50.f4 -1.86/26]
50...Kg7 51.Qd4 Qf5 52.g4 Qe6

53.Kg3 Qc6 54.f4 Ne6 55.Qe3 N8c7 56.f5 Nd5 57.Qa7+

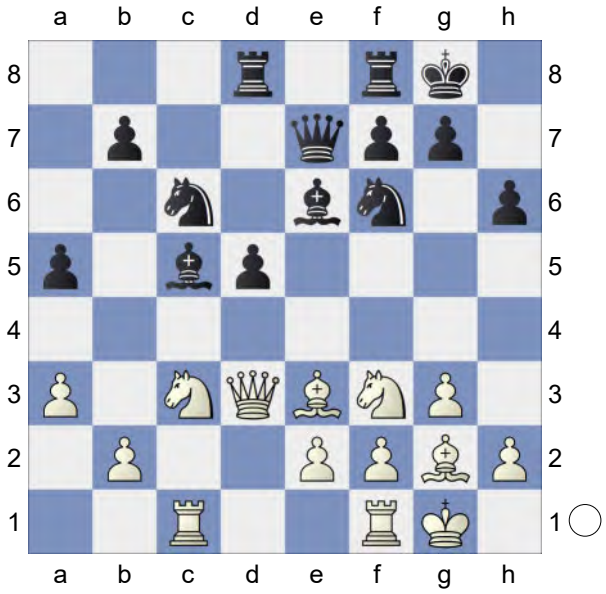


Nec7! 58.Qd4 -4.98/23
[58.Qa3 -1.84/25 was the crucial defense.]
58...Qc1 59.Qe4 -11.39/23
[⌓59.e6+ -4.66/22 Nf6 60.Qf4 Qc3+ 61.Kf2]
59...Qg1+ 60.Kh3 Kf8 61.e6 Nf6 62.Qb4+ Kg8 (-> ...Ncd5) **63.Qb8+ Nce8 64.Qg3 Qh1+ 65.Qh2 Qe4 66.Qg2 Qd3+ 67.Qg3 Qd1 68.Qf4** Repels Ne4 **68...Kh7 69.Kg2** -14.07/23
[⌓69.g5 -4.85/21 Qh1+ 70.Qh2 Qf3+ 71.Qg3 Qxf5+ 72.Kg2 Qd5+ 73.Kf1]
69...Nxg4 (-> ...Nef6) **70.Qb4 Nef6 71.Qf4 Qe2+ 72.Kg1 Qe1+ 73.Qf1 Qe3+ 74.Kg2 Qd2+ 75.Kg3 Qg5 76.Qh1+ Nh5+ 77.Kf3 Qxf5+ 78.Ke2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.28 (precise)
78...Qc2+
0-1

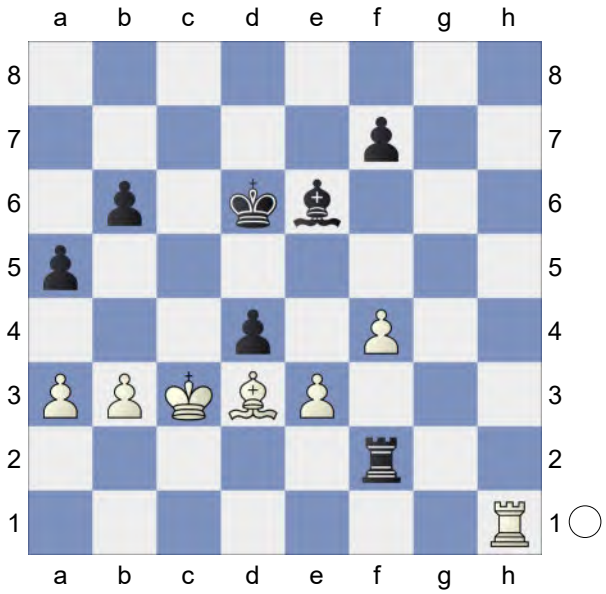
156 **E06**
□ **Puranik,A** **2635**
■ **Suleymanli,Aydin** **2609**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (10.34) 14.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qd3 h6N
[6...c5 7.0-0 *(7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 b6 9.dxc5 Ba6 10.Qc2 bxc5 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.a3 Rad8 15.Bg5 Rfe8 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.e3 d4 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Qc6 d3 21.Qxb6 axb6* 1-0 (66) Lazavik,D (2578)-Dudin,G (2516) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (3)*)* 7...Na6 *(7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.cxd5 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Nxd5 11.Rd1 Bf6 12.Qg4 Bd7 13.Nd2 Qe7 14.Nf3 Rac8 15.e4 e5 16.Qh5 Nb4 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 h6 19.Nf3 Nc6 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.Bh3 f5 22.exf5* 0-1 (42) Firouzja,A (2793)-Caruana,F (2783) E Candidates 2022 (6.2)*)* 8.cxd5 Nb4 9.Qb3 Qxd5 10.dxc5 Qxb3 11.axb3 Bxc5 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Ne5 Ne8 14.Be3 a6 15.Rfc1 Nf6 16.Nc4 Bd7 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Bxa6 Nxa6 19.Rxa6 Rxb3 20.Ra7 Re8 21.Ne5 1-0 (79) Gelfand,B (2663)-Niemann,H (2645) World Rapid 2021 (6.8)]
[6...dxc4 7.Qxc4 c6 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.0-0 a6 10.Rd1 Nd5 11.Bd2 N7b6 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.e4 Nb4 14.Qb3 a5 15.a3 a4 16.Qc3 Na6 17.Be3 Rc8 18.Qc2 c5 19.d5 exd5 20.exd5 Bd6 21.Nc3 1-0 (40) Eloranta (2707)-5.Kf1 d5 6.Bd5 (2425) 102/(153) Plovdiv 2008 (8)]
7.0-0 c5 8.cxd5 White has an edge.
8...exd5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 a5

11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Bf4 Be6 13.Rac1 Qe7 0.60/20
[13...Rc8= 0.05/17]
14.Be3 Rad8



15.Nb5 0.13/18
[15.Bxc5± 0.62/19 Qxc5 16.Rfd1]
15...b6= 16.Nbd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bg4 0.47/18
[17...Rc8= 0.03/19]
18.Rfe1 0.08/20
[18.e3± 0.47/18]
18...Rfe8 19.Ne5 Bxd4 20.Nc6 Qd6 21.Nxd4
[21.Qxd4 Rc8 22.Na7 *(22.Qxb6? Bd7-+)* 22...Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rxe2= *(23...Bxe2 24.Nc8=)*]
21...Bd7 Inhibits Rc6. **22.Qd2 Rc8 23.Qf4 Qxf4 24.gxf4 Rc4 25.Rcd1 Rec8 26.e3 Kf8 27.Bf1 R4c5 28.h4 Ke7 29.f3 Rg8 30.Kf2 g5 31.fxg5 hxg5 32.hxg5 Rxg5 33.Bd3 Rc8 34.Rh1 Rh5 35.Rxh5 Nxh5 36.Rh1 Nf6 37.Ne2 Be6 38.Ke1 Nd7 39.Kd2 Ne5 40.Nd4 Rg8! 41.Be2 Rg2! 42.b3** Repels Nc4+ **42...Kd6 43.Kc3 Nc6 44.Bd3 Nxd4 45.Kxd4** Endgame KRB-KRB **45...Rb2 46.Kc3 Rf2 47.f4 d4+**
(Diagram)



Deflection **48.Kxd4** and Rh6 would now be decisive **48...Bxb3** 0.97/26
[48...Ra2!= 0.29/24 remains equal.]
49.Rh6+± Kc7 50.Kc3 0.01/22
[50.Bb5± 0.47/25 deserves consideration.]
50...a4= The position is equal. **51.Rf6 Ra2 52.Bb1 Re2**
[52...Rxa3? perishes. 53.Kb2+-]
53.e4 Re1 54.Bd3 Ra1 55.e5 Rxa3 56.Bc4 Bxc4+ 57.Kxc4 Re3 58.Rxf7+ Kb8 59.Kb5 a3 and ...Rb3+ should not be overlooked
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
60.Rf8+
½-½

158 **D30**
□ **Salem,AR** **2627**
■ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2739**
58th Biel GM1 Qual 2025 (4.2) 18.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2 b6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.b3

a5N

[8...Bb7 9.Qc2 *(9.Ne5 a5 10.Bb2 Na6 11.e4 Rc8 12.Rc1 Re8 13.a3 Bf8 14.Re1 g6 15.Qd3 dxc4 16.bxc4 Bg7 17.f4 c5 18.d5 Nd7 19.Nb5 exd5 20.exd5 Nf8 21.Qc2 Nb8 22.Bh3 f5 23.Bg2 Bf6* 1-0 (28) Claridge Hansen,W (2332)-Merriman,J (2274) GBR-ch 109th 2023 (5) *)* 9...Nbd7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 c5 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.Rd1 Be4 14.Qe2 Qc8 15.Bb2 Qb7 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Ne1 Bxg2 18.Nxg2 Rad8 19.Nf4 Qe4 20.Bxf6 Qxe2 21.Nxe2 Bxf6 22.Rab1 Rfe8 23.Kg2 ½-½ (66) Deschamps,Q (2632)-Cordova,S (2128) 82/(485) Ohrid 2001 (1) Kf8 24.Nf4 Bd4 25.h4 a5 26.Kf3 f5 27.Ke2 Kf7 28.Rd2 g6 29.Rbd1 h6 30.Nd3 Ke7 31.f4 Rd6 32.Ne1 a4 33.b4 Red8 34.Nf3 Bc3 35.Rxd6 Rxd6 36.b5 Rb6 37.Rd3 Bf6 38.Ra3 1-0 (66) Chigaev,M (2632)-Harshavardhan,G (2426) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Late blitz 2022 (7)]

[8...Ba6 9.Qd3 c5 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Nc6 Qe8 12.Ba3 Bd6 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 e5 15.d5 Nb8 16.Nxb8 Rxb8 17.Rab1 Qe7 18.Bc1 Ne8 19.f4 Bc7 20.a4 Ra8 21.Nb5 Bxb5 22.axb5 a5 23.Bb2 ½-½ (72) Yakubboev,N (2630)-Andreikin,D (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W rapid 2023 (2.2)]

9.Re1 0.00/16

[9.Bb2± 0.41/16]

9...Nbd7 10.Nd2 Ba6 The position is equal. **11.e4 dxc4! 12.Nxc4 Bxc4** 0.82/17

[12...b5!= 0.23/17 keeps the balance. 13.Ne3 e5]

13.bxc4± e5 14.Ne2 0.26/16

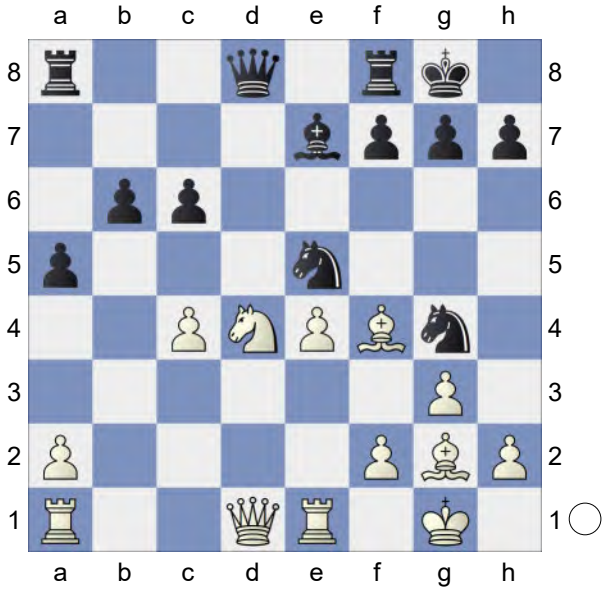
[14.d5± 0.82/17 d6 would now be deadly. Qc7 15.Bg5]

Black is now going downhill. **14...exd4** 1.71/18

[14...Bb4= 0.26/16 and Black has nothing to worry.]

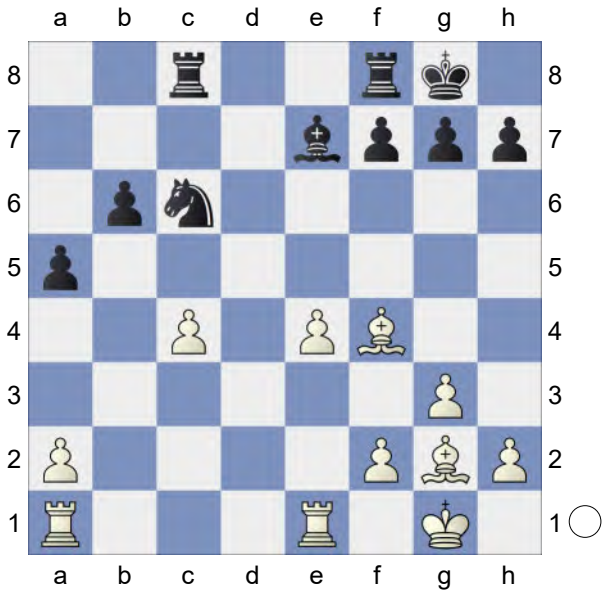
15.Nxd4+- Ne5 16.Bf4 Nfg4 2.35/21

[16...Nfd7± 1.47/16]



17.Nxc6! Discovered Attack, Deflection

17...Nxc6 18.Qxg4 Qc8 19.Qxc8 Raxc8



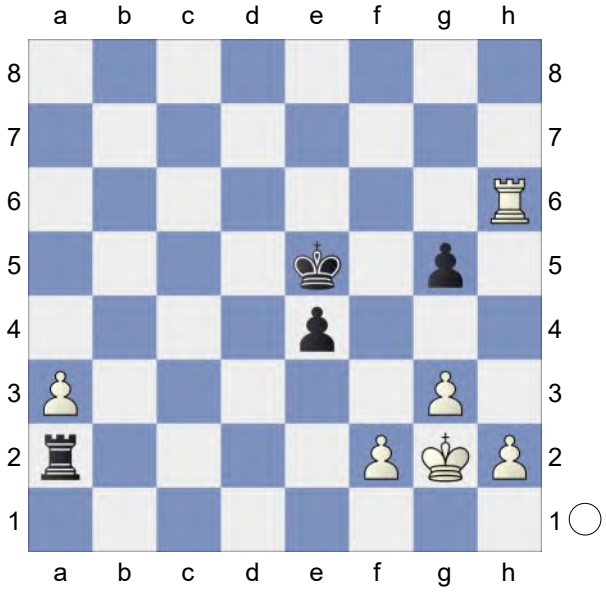
20.Bh3! Nd4 3.15/18

[⌓20...Ra8 1.77/18 21.Red1 Nb4]
21.Bxc8 Nf3+ 22.Kf1 Nxe1 23.Bb7 Nd3 24.Bc7 Nb4? 4.51/19
[24...Nb2 2.62/17 25.e5 *(25.Bxb6 Rb8±)* 25...Bc5]
25.a4
[25.Bxb6 Rb8=]
25...Nd3 26.Ke2
[26.Bxb6 Rb8 27.Bxa5 Rxb7-+]
26...Nc5 27.Bd5 Nd7 28.Bf4 A strong pair of Bishops. **28...Bb4 29.Be3 Nc5 30.f4 Re8 31.Kf3 Kf8 32.g4 f6** 5.35/18
[⌓32...h6 3.41/17 33.h4 Ke7]
33.h4 h6 34.Rg1 Ke7 35.g5 hxg5 36.hxg5 Bc3 37.gxf6+ gxf6 38.Rg7+ Kd6 39.Rg6 Kc7 40.Bxc5 bxc5 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **41.Kg4 Rh8 42.Kf5 Rh4 43.Rg3 Bd2 44.Rg7+ Kb6 45.Kxf6**
[Worse is 45.Rb7+ Ka6±]
45...Rxf4+ 46.Ke6 Rh4 47.e5 Rh5 48.Rb7+ Ka6 49.Rf7 Be1 50.Rf3 Bh4 51.Kd6 Rh8 52.e6 Rd8+ 53.Kc7 Re8 54.Rb3 Bc6 would kill now. **54...Rh8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=1.13
55.Rh3
1-0

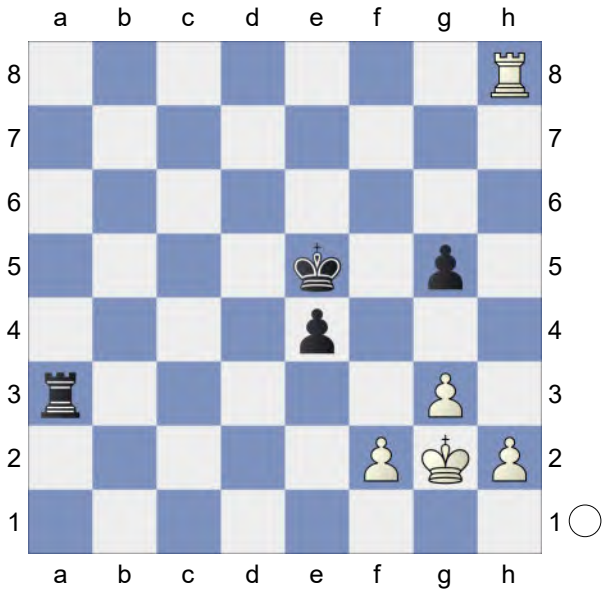
157 **E10**
□ **Salem,AR** **2627**
■ **Svane,Frederik** **2659**
58th Biel GM1 Qual 2025 (3.3) 17.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bg2 a5
[6...c6 7.0-0 b6 8.Qc2 Bb7 9.e4 Na6 10.a3 Be7 11.b4 c5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.e5 Nd7 14.h4 Nc7 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Nb3 Rc8 17.Ng5 g6 18.Nxc5 Nxc5 19.bxc5 Ne6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Be3 (22) Ornolfsson,M (2675)-Vilner (2566) Schaffhausen op 2023]
[6...Nbd7 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qh4 c5 13.Rd1 cxd4 14.Rxd4 Qe7 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ne4 17.Rxe4 f5 18.Rh4 Qg7 19.Rd1 Qxh6 20.Rxh6 Kg7 21.Rh4 0-1 (53) Napoli,N (2228)-Unsal,G (2072) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (1)]
7.0-0 a4N
[7...b6 8.Nb1 Ba6 9.c5 a4 10.Qxa4 bxc5 11.a3 Bb7 12.Qb3 Qc8 13.Ra2 Nfd7 14.Ng5 h6 15.axb4 c4 16.Qc2 hxg5 17.Rxa8 Bxa8 18.b5 g4 19.Nc3 Nb6 20.h3 gxh3 21.Bxh3 N8d7 22.Kg2 1-0 (30) Nihal,S (2668)-Abdurakhmanov,M (2395) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]
8.Ne5 b6 White has an edge. **9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Rd1 h6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Ndf3** 0.04/16
[12.Nb1± 0.49/17]
12...Bd6 0.62/17
[12...Re8= 0.04/16]
13.a3 -0.01/18
[13.Nh4± 0.62/17]
13...Re8 14.Bf4 c5 15.Nh4 -0.40/17
[15.Rac1= 0.18/17]
15...Qc7 0.50/20
[15...Bf8!∓ -0.40/17]
16.Nf5± cxd4! 17.Qxc7 Bxc7 18.Nd3 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 g5! 20.Nd3 White has compensation.
[20.Nxh6+ Kh7∓]
20...Nc6 1.11/19
[20...Rxe2= 0.28/18 21.Nxd4 Re8]
21.Nd6↑ White is really pushing.

[21.Nxh6+ Kf8=]
21...Re7 22.Rac1 Na5 23.Nb4 0.65/21
[23.Rc2± 1.05/19]
23...Rd8± 24.Nxb7 Rxb7 25.Nc6!
[25.Rxd4 Nb3 26.Nxd5 Kg7 *(26...Nxc1? 27.Nxf6+ Kg7 28.Nh5+ Kg6 29.Rxd8+-)* 27.Nxf6 Rxd4∓ *(27...Nxd4? 28.Kf1-+)*]
25...Rdd7 26.Nxd4 b5 1.27/17
[26...Rbc7!± 0.57/17]
27.Rc8+ Kg7 28.Rdc1 0.48/18
White has more active pieces.
[28.Rc5!± 1.17/17]
28...Nc4 29.Rc2 0.14/20
[White should play 29.Rc6± 0.66/17]
29...b4= 30.R8xc4 Pin **30...bxa3 31.bxa3**
[31.Nf5+!? Kg6 32.bxa3=]
31...Rb1+ 32.Rc1 dxc4 33.Nf5+ Kg6 34.Rxb1 Kxf5± Endgame KRB-KRN
35.Bc6 Rd2 0.64/20
[35...Rc7= 0.15/22
is more appropriate. 36.Bxa4 Ke6]
36.Rc1
[36.Bxa4?! Ne4±]
36...Rxe2 37.Rxc4
[37.Bxa4 Ra2=]
37...Ne4! 38.Bxa4 Ke5
[38...Nxf2? 39.Kf1 Re3 *(39...Rd2? 40.Ke1+-)* 40.Kxf2+-]
39.Rc7 0.05/22
[39.Rc2!± 0.71/21 Re1+ 40.Kg2]
39...f5= 40.Bc2 Kd6 0.63/22
[Black should play 40...Re1+= 0.06/22
41.Kg2 Re2]
41.Rc8!± Re1+ 42.Kg2 Re2 1.56/23
[42...Ra1± 0.46/20]
43.Bxe4± This move loses the game for Black. **43...fxe4** 2.56/22 KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
[43...Rxe4± 0.98/23 44.Rf8 Ra4 45.Rxf5 Rxa3 46.Rf6+ Ke7 47.Rxh6 Rc3]
44.Rh8+- Ke5 3.42/22
[⌓44...Ra2 2.09/27 45.Rxh6+ Ke5]
45.Rxh6 and Rh8 should not be overlooked **45...Ra2?** 5.50/24
[45...e3 3.16/23 keeps fighting.]



46.Rh8! White is clearly winning.
46...Rxa3

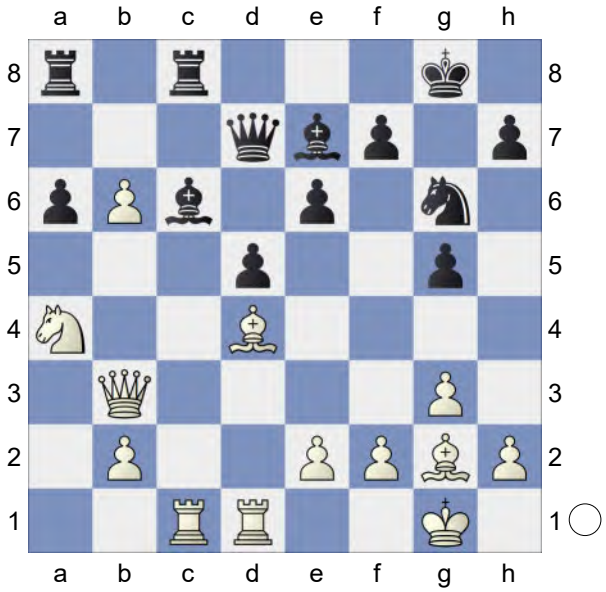


47.Rf8 g4 48.h3 gxh3+ 49.Kxh3 Ra1 50.Kg4 Rf1 51.Kg5 Kd6 52.Rf6+ Ke5 53.g4 Rg1 54.Rf8 Rf1 55.Kg6 Kd6 56.g5 Ke6 57.Rf6+ Ke5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very

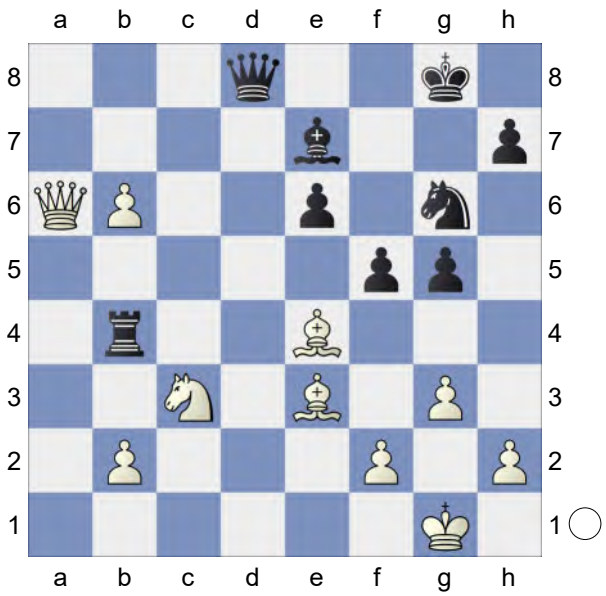
precise) /Black=0.32
58.Kg7
1-0

160 **D30**
□ **Sargissian,G** **2626**
■ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2731**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (7.39) 11.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

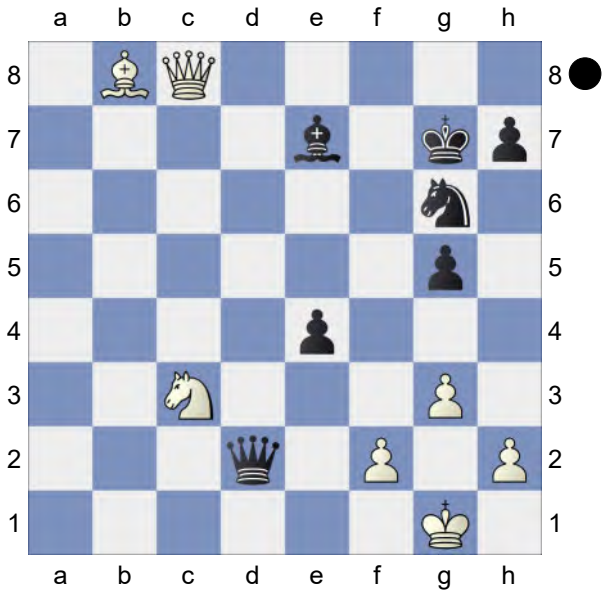
E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
Inf 93/(421) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Bf4 Bb7 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Nc3 Qc8** 0.40/19
[11...dxc4= 0.02/16 12.Nd2 Nd5]
[11...Nh5 12.Bc1 f5 13.b3 Rc8 14.e3 Bd6 15.Bb2 Qe7 16.Rac1 Nhf6 17.Qb1 Ne4 18.Ne2 Ndf6 19.Nf4 dxc4 20.bxc4 c5 Bauer,C (2595)-Almasi,Z (2631) Deutschland 93/(421) 2004]
[11...Rc8 12.b3 c5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.e4 cxd4 16.Qe2 Bb7 17.Nxd4 e5 18.Nf5 exf4 19.Qg4 Bf6 20.Rxd7 Bxa1 21.Rxd8 Rcxd8 22.e5 Bxe5 23.Bxb7 fxg3 24.hxg3 Bf6 25.Nh6+ Kh8 26.Qf4 ½-½ (37) Dautov,R (2582)-Warmerdam,M (2607) GER CupT Baden - Baden 2023 (2.2)]
12.cxd5± White is slightly better.
12...cxd5 13.Rac1 a6N
[13...Nh5 14.Bd2 a6 15.Ne5 Nhf6 16.Qb3 Qb8 17.Bg5 Bd6 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Na4 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Qxb6 Rab8 22.Bf3 E 08/12 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
14.Ne5 b5 15.a4 0.00/19
[15.Nd3± 0.37/19 is superior.]
15...Nxe5 1.07/22
[15...b4= 0.00/19 remains equal. 16.Qb3 Qd8 *(16...bxc3? 17.Rxc3 Qd8 18.Nxd7+-)*]
16.dxe5± Nd7 17.axb5 g5 1.78/18
[17...axb5± 0.86/16 18.Nxb5 Qxc2 19.Rxc2 Rfc8 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8]
18.Be3+- Nxe5 1.88/17
[18...Qb8± 1.16/16]
19.Bd4 Ng6 20.b6 Qd7? 2.83/18
[20...Rb8± 1.22/18]
21.Na4? 0.97/18
[21.e4+- 2.83/18]
21...Rfc8± 22.Qb3 Bc6!



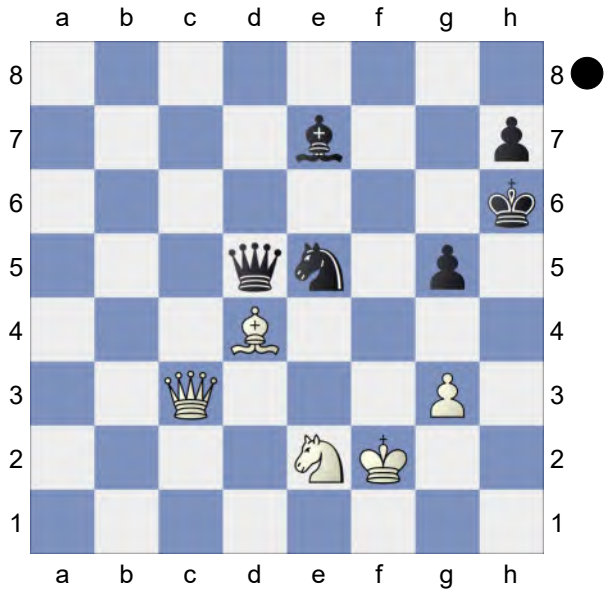
23.Rxc6 -0.09/18 **Rxc6= 24.e4** -0.45/19
[24.Bc3= 0.01/21]
24...Rc4!∓ 25.Nc3 -0.87/22
[25.b7= -0.30/22 Rb8 26.exd5]
25...Rb4∓ 26.Qa2 -1.49/23
[⌓26.Qc2 -0.84/23]
26...dxe4 -0.49/21
[26...e5∓ -1.49/23 27.Be3 d4]
27.Be3∓ This pair of bishops is nice.
[27.Bc5 Qxd1+ 28.Nxd1 Bxc5∓]
27...Qe8 -0.05/20
[Black should play 27...Qc6∓ -0.74/19 28.Rc1 Rb8 *(28...f5? 29.Nxe4 Qd7 30.Nf6+ Bxf6 31.Bc6±)*]
28.Bxe4= Rd8 29.Rxd8 Qxd8
30.Qxa6 And now b7 would win. **30...f5⇄**



Black is not keeping still **31.b7!** **fxe4** **32.Qxe6+** **Kg7** **33.Qc8** -1.90/25
[33.Nd5= 0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry.]
33...Rxb2-+ **34.Ba7** **Qd2!**
[34...e3 35.Qxd8 exf2+ *(35...Bxd8 36.b8Q∓)* 36.Kg2 Bxd8 37.b8Q f1B+ *(37...Rxb8 38.Bxb8 Ne7 39.Be5+ Kg6 40.Nb5=)* 38.Kxf1=]
35.b8Q **Rxb8** **36.Bxb8**

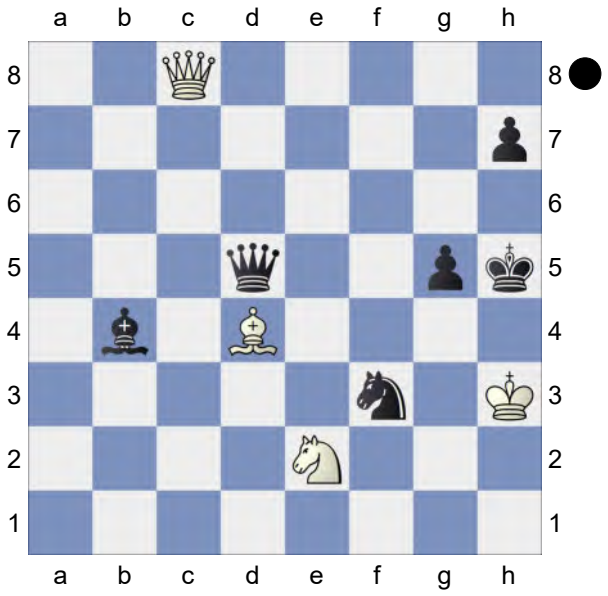


e3 -0.17/19
[36...h5!∓ -1.31/24 White must now prevent ...e3. 37.Ba7 h4]
37.fxe3= **Qxe3+** **38.Kg2** **Qd2+** **39.Kf1!** **Qc1+**
[39...Qxh2? 40.Qb7-+]
40.Kg2 **Qb2+** **41.Kf1** **Qxh2** **42.Ne2** **Qh1+** **43.Kf2** **Qd5** **44.Qc3+** **Kh6** **45.Ba7** Prevents Bc5+. **45...Ne5** **46.Bd4**

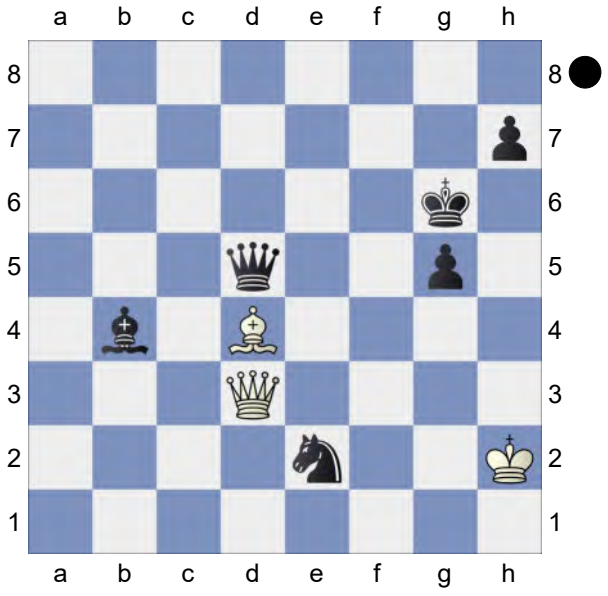


Bb4! Decoy **47.Qc8** Against Ng4+
[47.Qc7 Bd6]
47...Qf7+
[47...Qf3+ 48.Kg1=]
48.Kg1? -6.08/24
[48.Kg2= -0.14/21]
48...Nf3+-+ Black is clearly winning.
49.Kg2 **Qd5** Repels Qc6+ **50.Qa6+** **Kh5** **51.g4+** **Kxg4** (-> ...Nh4+) **52.Qc8+** **Kh5** (-> ...Ne1+) **53.Kh3**

(Diagram)



Nf4+! would kill now. **53...Ng1+!** Double Attack **54.Kh2 Nxe2 55.Qh3+ Kg6** (-> ...Bd6+) **56.Qd3+**



Qf5!

[Avoid the trap 56...Kh6? 57.Bg7+ Kxg7 58.Qxd5+-]

57.Qa6+ Kf7 (-> ...Qf4+)Both players deserved the win here.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.28 (precise)

58.Qc4+

0-1

159 **E06**

Sargissian,G **2626**

Mamedyarov,S **2746**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (2.14) 05.09.25

[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7

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I wanted to provide an informational to show the most natural way to play against the Catalan and explain why we went for the rare sideline in this course. The following theory was taken from my Aggressive Queen's Gambit Declined course if you are thinking of playing this as an alternative. White has multiple options, some of which are quite theory-intense and easy to err in. We wanted something more points A to B and ideas based in this text. Let's get into some of the honeycomb variations to see what you would need to learn to play against the mainline Open Catalan with Black. Anytime it is noted that White has other options they are covered in detail in the aforementioned text. We stuck to the mainlines to give the reader an idea of the complexity of the mainline. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Nc6 9.Qxc4 Na5 10.Qc2 b6 11.Ne5! Bb7** White has an edge. **12.Bxb7 Nxb7 13.Nc6 Qe8 14.Rd1 Bc5 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Nd2 Nd5**

[16...c5 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 cxd4 19.Nc4 Rc8 20.Nxd6 Nxd6 21.Qxd4 Rc6 22.b3 Nf5 23.Qf4 Qc8 24.Ba3 Re8 25.Rac1 h6 26.Qe4 Ne7 27.Qf3 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Qd7 29.Bxe7 Qxe7 30.Rc6 Rb8 31.Qd3 ½-½ (36) Bogosavljevic,B (2486)-Zilka, S (2574) Bundesliga 2425 2024 (7.5)]

17.Ndc4

[17.Nd3 simplifies Rc8 18.Nc4 b5 19.axb5]

17...b5 18.Ne3 -0.06/20

[18.axb5± 0.41/22 Qxb5 19.Nd3]

18...Nb4= 19.Qc3N

[19.Qe4 Na5 20.axb5 f5 21.Qb1 Qxb5 22.b3 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Nbc6 24.b4 Nxb4 25.Ba3 c5 26.Rd6 Rfe8 27.Qb2 Nac6 28.Ng2 Na5 29.Ne3 Rac8 30.Rc1 Nb7 31.Rd2 Nc6 32.Qa2 Nd4 33.Rxd4 cxd4 1-0 (41) 4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2_45661 (2716)-Lunacek,J (2707) Capablanca Memorial, Havana 2003 (5) 34.Rxc8 Kf7 35.Rc7+ Kg6 36.Ng2 Na5 37.Nh4+ Kh6 38.Rc5 Qb3 39.Qd2+ g5 40.Rxa5 f4 41.Nf3 1-0 Vidit,S (2716)-Maghsoodloo,P (2707) Asian Games Hangzhou rapid 2023 (5)]

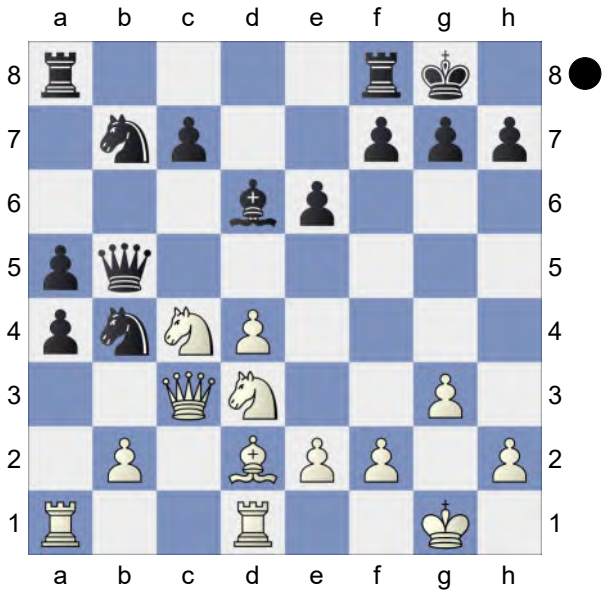
19...bxa4 20.N3c4 -0.32/20

Dodges Na5

[20.Nd3= 0.10/22 a5 21.Qc4]

20...Qb5∓ 21.Nd3 a5! 22.Bd2 -0.87/18

[22.Nxd6= -0.26/19 Nxd6 *(22...cxd6 23.Qa3=)* 23.Qxc7 Nxd3 Discovered Attack 24.Rxd3]



22...Ra6 -0.06/20

[22...Rfd8!∓ -0.87/18]

23.Nxd6 -0.83/24

[23.b3= -0.06/20 keeps the balance.]

23...Nxd6∓ 24.Nxb4 axb4 25.Qxb4 Qxe2 26.Re1 Qb5 27.Rec1 Rb8 28.Qxb5 Nxb5 29.Rc4 Rba8! 30.Bf4 c6 31.Rac1 Na7 -0.38/21

[31...Rc8∓ -0.74/21]

32.Kg2∓ f6 33.h4 Kf7 34.Rb4 Nb5 35.Rbc4 h5 -0.31/20

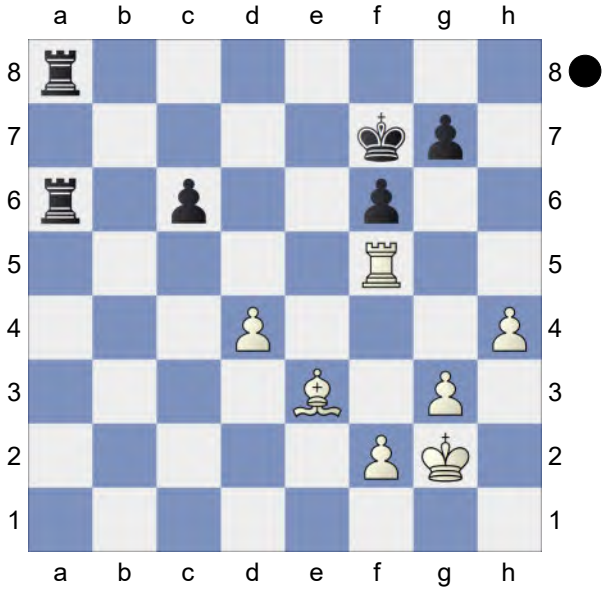
[35...Rc8∓ -0.80/21]

36.Be3! Rc8 -0.09/24

[36...Nc7∓ -0.46/23 is superior.]

37.Ra1= a3 38.bxa3 Rxa3 39.Rac1 Ra6↑ Black has good play. **40.Rc5** Rxb5! would now be deadly. **40...Nd6 41.Rxh5 Nf5 42.Rc5 Rca8 43.Rhxf5 exf5 44.Rxf5** -1.03/22

[44.d5!= -0.24/22]



44...Ra5!∓ 45.Rf3 Rd5 -0.60/20

[Better is 45...Ra4∓ -1.00/21]

46.g4!∓ Re8 -0.21/21

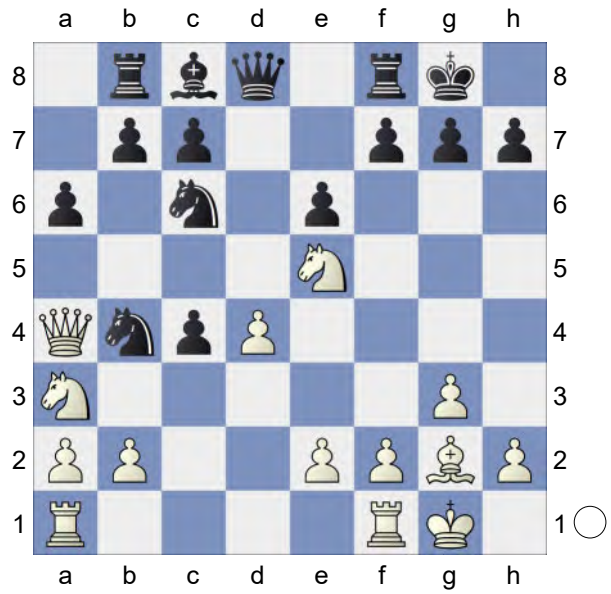
[46...Ra4∓ -0.77/20 White must now prevent ...c5!. 47.h5 c5 48.dxc5 Rxg4+ 49.Kh3 Rc4 *(49...Rxh5+ 50.Kxg4 Rh8 51.Rf4+-)*]

47.Rh3=

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
47...Re4
½-½

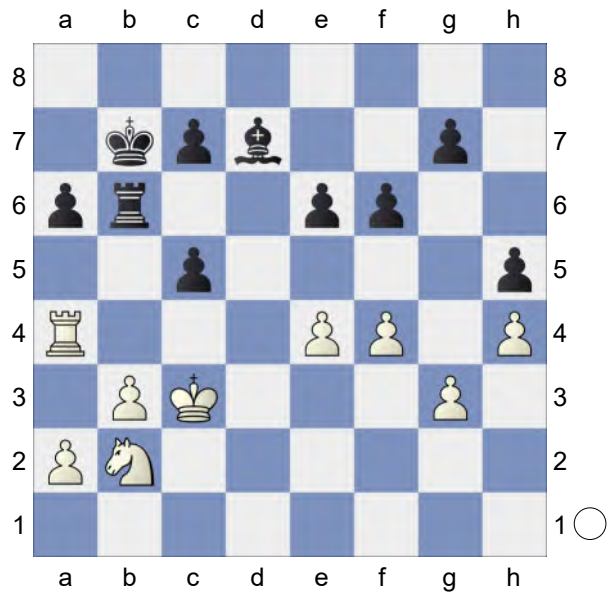
162 **E04**
□ **Cheparinov,I** **2625**
■ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2625**
Fujairah Global Superstar (8.8) 31.08.25
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndxb4 9.0-0 Rb8! 10.Na3 a6 11.Ne5!
[11.Nxc4? b5 12.Qb3 bxc4-+]
11...0-0



12.Nxc6 White is slightly better.
[12.Bxc6 Nxc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1]
12...Nxc6 13.Qxc4
[13.Bxc6 with more complications. bxc6 14.Nxc4 Qxd4 15.Rfd1]
13...Qxd4
[13...Nxd4?! 14.Rfd1 e5 15.e3±]
14.Bxc6 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 bxc6 16.b3 Rb5 Repels Ne5 **17.Rfd1N**
[17.Rfc1 Rd8 18.Rc2 e5 19.f3 f6 20.Rac1 Kf7 21.Kf2 E 04/56 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008 Bb7 22.Rc3 Ba8 23.e4 a5 24.a4 Rc5 25.Ke3 Bb7 26.Nb2 Rxc3+ 27.Rxc3 Rb8 28.Kd2 Bc8 29.Rxc6 Rxb3 30.Rxc7+ Kg6 31.Kc2 Rb8 32.Ra7 Bh3 33.Nd3 Bf1 34.Nc5 Bg2 35.Rxa5 Bxf3 36.Rb5 ½-½ (44) Delchev,A (2634)-Beliavsky,A (2668) 83/452 Leon 2001 Rd8 37.a5 Be2 38.Ne6 Bxb5 39.Nxd8 Kg5 40.h3 g6 41.Ne6+ Kh5 42.Nc7 Bc6 43.Kd3 f5 44.exf5 Chapter-Games Chapter 6 Game 6]
17...f6 18.Rac1 Rd5 19.Ne3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1= Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **20...Kf7** 0.37/22
[20...e5= 0.01/21]
21.Kf1 0.01/22
[21.Nc4± 0.37/22]
21...Ke7 22.Rc1 Bd7 23.Rc5 Rb8 24.Ra5 Bc8 25.Ke1 Rb5 26.Ra4 c5 27.Nc4 Kd7 28.Kd2 Rb4 ...Rxa4 would now be deadly. **29.Ra5 Kc6 30.f4 h6 31.h4 Rb5 32.Ra4 Kb7 33.Kc3 Bd7 34.e4 h5** 0.42/24
[Black should play 34...Ka7= -0.20/22]
35.Nb2!± Rb6 0.76/25
[35...Be8= 0.29/24]

(Diagram)

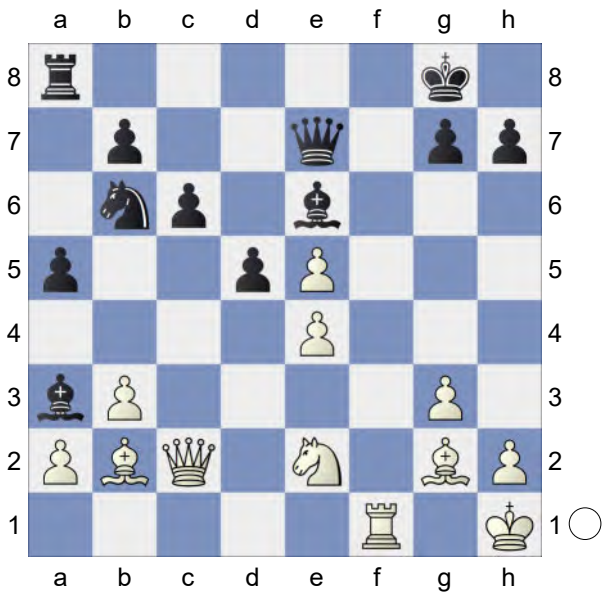


36.Rc4!± e5! 37.Nd3 0.18/20
[37.fxe5± 0.73/24 Nd3 is the strong threat. fxe5 38.Rxc5]
37...Bb5= 38.Rxc5
[38.Nxc5+? too greedy. Kc6 39.f5 *(39.Na4+? Bxc4 40.Nxb6 Bxb3-+)* 39...Bxc4 40.Kxc4 Kd6-+]
38...Bxd3 39.Kxd3 KR-KR **39...Re6 40.b4** 0.01/23
[40.Rd5± 0.37/23]
40...c6! The position is equal. **41.a3 Kb6 42.Ke3 Kc7 43.Ra5 Kb6 44.Rc5 Kc7 45.fxe5 fxe5 46.Kf2 Re8 47.Ra5 Kb6 48.Kg2 Re6 49.Kh3 Re8 50.g4 g6 51.Kg3 Re7 52.Kh3 Re8 53.Kg3 Re7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
54.Kh3
½-½

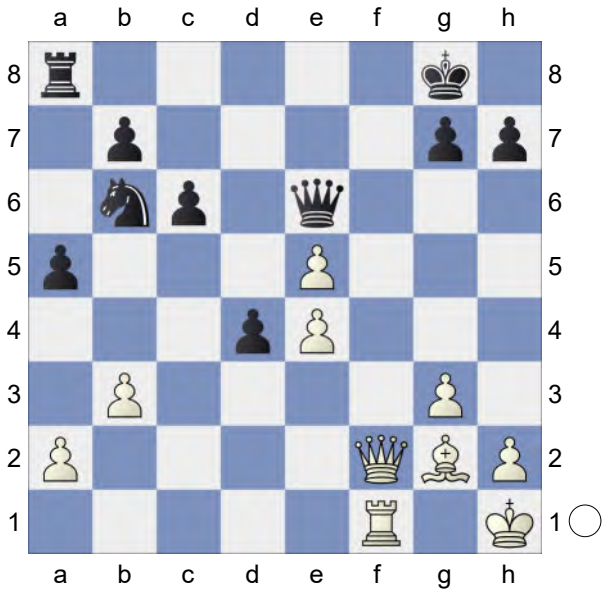
161 **E06**
□ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2625**
■ **Navara,D** **2662**
58th Biel GM2 Rapid 2025 (2.1) 13.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

E07: Closed Catalan: Main Line (5 Nf3 0-0 6 0-0 Nbd7)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Ne5 c6 8.0-0 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.cxd5 exd5N The position is equal.
[10...cxd5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Qh5 Qa5 13.Nxe4 Qxe5 14.Qe2 Nf6 15.Bf4 Qa5 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rfd1 Re8 18.a4 e5 19.Bd2 Qc7 20.Qb5 Bg4 21.Ba5 b6 22.Rdc1 Qd8 23.Bxa8 Qxa8 24.Be1 Bf3 25.Rc7 ½-½ (58) Theodorou,N (2619)-Pranav,V (2609) ROM-chT Mamaia 2024 (3.1)]
11.f4 Bc5+ 12.Kh1 a5 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.b3 f6 0.49/20
[14...b5= -0.16/17]
15.Bb2 -0.36/17
[Better is 15.e4± 0.49/20]
15...fxe5∓ 16.fxe5 Rxf1+ 0.12/15
[16...Qxe5? 17.Nxd5 Qd6 18.Rxf8+ Nxf8 19.Rd1 cxd5 20.Rxd5+-]
[Black should try 16...Ba3∓ -0.43/19]
17.Rxf1= Strongly threatening Nxd5!.
17...Nb6
[17...Qxe5? 18.Nxd5 Qd6 19.Nc7+-]
18.e4 Be6
[18...Qxe5? 19.Nxd5+- *(19.Na4 Qe8+-)*]
19.Ne2 This costs Black the game.
19...Ba3? 4.64/23
[19...d4!= 0.08/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)



20.Bxa3!+- Qxa3 21.Nf4 Qe7 22.Qf2 d4? 7.80/23
[22...Nd7 3.90/21 23.Nxe6 Remove Defender *(23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5+-)* 23...Qxe6]
23.Nxe6 White is clearly winning.
[23.Qxd4 Nd7±]
23...Qxe6

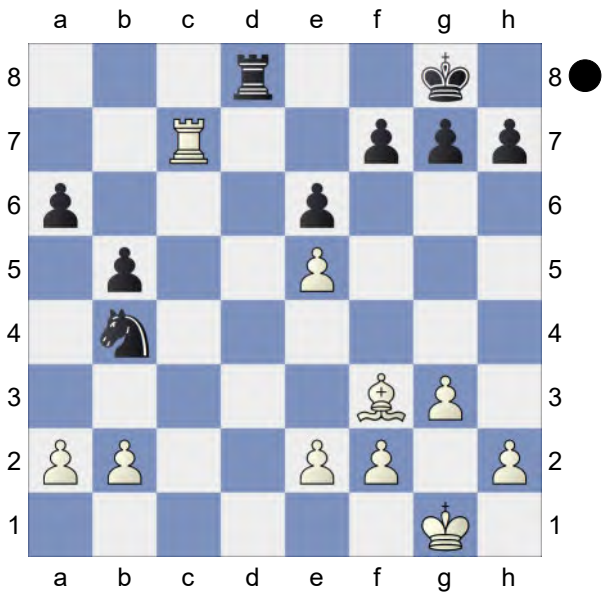


24.Bh3! Deflection, Back Rank **24...Qe7 25.Qxd4** Black is weak on the light squares **25...c5 26.Qd6 Qxd6 27.exd6 Re8 28.d7 Rd8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08
(flawless) /Black=0.75
29.e5
1-0

163 **E06**
□ **Svane,R** **2619**
■ **Deac,Bogdan-Daniel** **2674**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (9.48) 13.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qa4 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nbd2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1
[12.Ne5 is more complex. Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Bxe5 14.Bxe5]
[12.Nb3 Be4 13.Qd2 *(13.Qc1 Qe7 14.Rd1 Nd5 15.Ne5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Nxf4+ 17.gxf4 Bxe5 18.dxe5 c5 19.Rd6 c4 20.Na5 Nc5 21.Qe3 Qc7 22.b4 Nb7 23.Nxb7 Qxb7+ 24.Qf3* ½-½ Wagner,D (2307)-Balajayeva,K (2242) Wch Rapid (Women) 2024 (8)*)* 13...Qe7 14.Rfc1 Rfc8 15.Bxd6 cxd6 16.Qa5 Rcb8 17.Nbd2 Bd5 18.Rc2 Qd8 19.Qxd8+ Rxd8 20.Rac1 Nb6 21.Ne1 Rac8 22.Nd3 Rxc2 23.Rxc2 Rc8 24.Rxc8+ Nxc8 25.Nb4 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 a5 1-0 (51) Hantel,T (2785)-Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2739) 1st h.m. J. Fritz MT/100 2012 (5)]
12...Rc8 13.Be5 Bxe5N 14.dxe5 Nd5 15.Ne4 Qe7 Dodges Nc5 **16.Rac1**
Nc5 poses a challenge
[16.Neg5!? g6□ 17.Qd2=]
16...Rfd8 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.Qxc5 Qxc5 19.Rxc5 Nb4 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rxc7 Bxf3 22.Bxf3

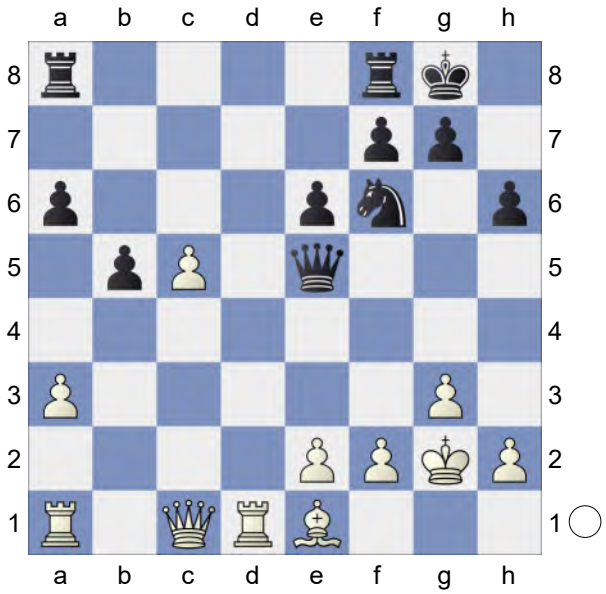
(Diagram)



and a3 would now be decisive **22...Nxa2=** Endgame KRB-KRN **23.Ra7** -0.01/21
[23.h4!± 0.42/22]
23...Nb4 The position is equal. **24.Bb7 Rd1+ 25.Kg2** White threatens Ra8+ and mate. **25...g6 26.Bxa6 Nxa6 27.Rxa6** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **27...Rd2 28.Rb6 Rxb2 29.Rb8+ Kg7 30.h4 h5 31.Kf3 Rb3+ 32.Ke4 Rb2 33.Ke3 Rb3+ 34.Ke4 Rb2 35.Ke3 Rb3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
36.Ke4
½-½

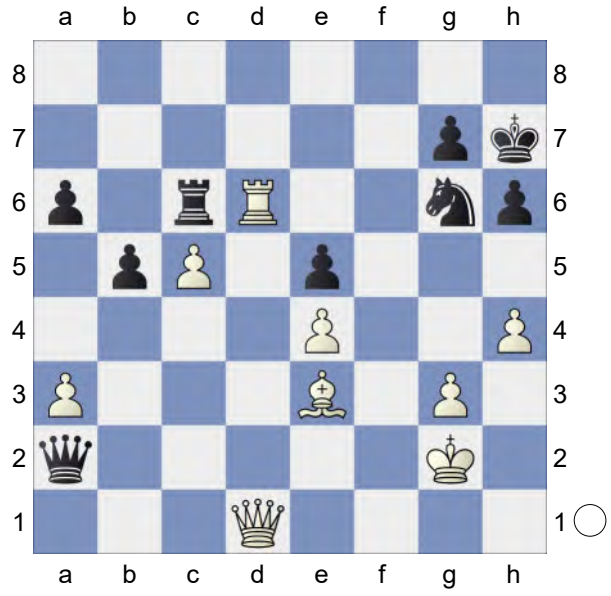
164 **E06**
□ **Suleymanli,Aydin** **2609**
■ **Tabatabaei,M** **2673**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (5.20) 08.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qa4 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Nc3 Nb4 12.Qc1 h6N 0.31/18
[12...Rc8= -0.06/19 feels stronger. 13.a3 Nbd5 14.b4 Nxf4 *(14...a5 15.Nxb5 axb4 16.axb4 Bxb4 17.Be5 c6 18.Na7 Ra8 19.Nd2 Ba5 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Nc4 Rxa7 22.Qa3 Qc7 23.Bxd5 cxd5* 0-1 Chiburdanidze,M (2495)-Geller,E (2505) Sochi-A 1989*)* 15.Qxf4 Nd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 12) Catalan 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4-10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Nc3 Lifetime Repertoires: Vigorito's Queen' 2024]
[12...Nbd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne5 Nxf4 15.Qxf4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qd5+ 17.e4 Qxd4 18.Nc6 Qd6 19.Rac1 e5 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 c5 22.Nc6 Rfe8 23.Nxe7+ Rxe7 24.Rxc5 Rxe4 25.Rfc1 g6 26.Kf3 Re6 27.Rc6 1-0 (119) Habgood,K (2649)-Van Den Cruyce,E (2509) 107/282 Romania 2009 (4)]
13.a3 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 The position is equal. **15.Bd2 Nf6 16.b4 Bd6 17.Rd1 Bd5 18.Be1 Qb8 19.Ne5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 c5 21.bxc5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qxe5**



23.Ra2 -0.01/20 White is weak on the light squares

[23.Qc2± 0.41/24]
23...Rfc8= 24.Rc2 Rc6 0.37/20
[24...Nd5= -0.01/21]
25.f3± Rac8 26.Bf2 Nd5 27.Rdd2 f5 28.Bd4 Qc7 29.e4 fxe4 30.fxe4 Ne7 31.Qd1 Ng6 32.Qh5 Inhibits Ne5.
32...Kh7
[32...Qf7 simplifies 33.Qf3 Nf8 34.Qxf7+ Kxf7 35.Rc1 Nh7]
33.Rf2 Rd8 34.Rcd2 Rd7 35.h4 Qd8 0.55/24
[35...a5= 0.01/21]
36.Qd1! e5 0.79/23
[36...Qc7!= 0.28/20]
37.Be3± Rxd2 38.Rxd2 Qg8 39.Rd6 Qa2+!



40.Qd2 0.22/23
[White should try 40.Bf2!± 0.84/23 Rxc5 41.Rd2 *(41.Rxa6 Ne7=)* 41...Qxa3 42.Bxc5 Qxc5 43.Qf3]
40...Qc4= 41.Qd3 -0.02/20
[41.Rxc6 Qxe4+ 42.Kh2 Qxc6=]
[41.Qd5!± 0.69/21 Qe2+ 42.Bf2]
41...Rxd6 42.Qxc4 bxc4
[But not 42...Nf4+? 43.Bxf4 *(43.gxf4? perishes. Rg6+ 44.Kf3 bxc4-+)* 43...Rd8 44.Qd5 Rxd5 45.exd5+-]
43.cxd6 Endgame d7 is the strong threat. KB-KN **43...Nf8 44.Kf3 Kg6 45.Ke2 Nd7 46.Kd2 Nf6 47.Kc3 Nxe4+ 48.Kxc4 Nxd6+ 49.Kd5 Nf5 50.Bf2 Kh5** and ...Kg4 would now be decisive **51.Kxe5 Kg4** Now White is beyond hope. **52.Ke6?** -8.17/24
[52.a4= -0.20/23]
52...Nxg3-+ Black is clearly winning.
53.Kf7 Nf5
[Weaker is 53...Kxh4 54.Kxg7 *(54.Bxg3+? Kxg3 55.Kg6 Kf4-+)* 54...h5 55.Kg6=]
54.Kg6 h5
[54...Nxh4+ 55.Kxg7 Nf5+ 56.Kg6-+]
55.a4 Nxh4+ 56.Kxg7 Nf5+ 57.Kg6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.09 (flawless)
57...a5
0-1

166 **D30**
□ **Ragger,M** **2601**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
Bundesliga 2024-25 (14.8) 26.04.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Bf4 Ba6 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.Rfe1 Nh5 12.e3N -0.07/22
[12.Be5± 0.33/18 Nhf6 13.e4 Rc8 14.Rad1 c5 15.exd5 exd5 16.Qf5 dxc4 17.d5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bd6 19.Ndxc4 Bxc4 20.Nxc4 b5 21.Ne5 Re8 22.Nc6 Qa5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Bf3 Qxa2 25.g4 h6 26.h4 Qxb2 27.g5 1-0 (35) Mecelica,E (2545)-Buese,R (2729) Staunton Memorial 7th 2009 (6)]

[12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bf4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bb4 16.Red1 Qd6 17.Nf1 dxc4 18.a3 Ba5 19.f5 Kh8 20.Ne3 b5 21.Qe4 Bb7 22.Qxe6 Qc7 23.Qe4 Rae8 24.Qg4 Bb6 25.Nf1 Bc8 26.Ng3 g6 0-1 (35) Wang,H (2724)-Aronian,L (2783) Shanghai Masters 2010 (1)]

[12.e4 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Rc8 14.Rad1 Re8 15.Bh3 Rc7 16.Rc1 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf8 18.Rcd1 Bc8 19.Ng3 Ng6 20.Qe4 Rf8 21.f5 exf5 22.Bxf5 Bb4 23.Re3 Re7 24.Qg4 Qc7 25.c5 bxc5 26.Rxe7 Nxe7 1-0 (33) Gishi,T (2661)-Hidalgo,J (2552) 7th UTD GM Richardson USA 2010 (13)]

[12.cxd5 Nxf4 13.gxf4 cxd5 14.f5 Qc8 15.Qb3 exf5 16.Qxd5 Nf6 17.Qe5 Qd7 18.e4 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rae8 20.Nc3 Bb7 21.Qg3 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Qxd4 23.Rad1 Qb4 24.Re2 Bc5 25.Red2 Re6 26.Kh1 Rfe8 ½-½ (45) Walls,K (2401)-17.Kb2 (2465) Leningrad 3/153 1967 (7.2)]

12...Rc8

[12...g5!?]

13.h4 The position is equal. **13...c5 14.cxd5 cxd4 15.Qa4 Nc5 16.Qa3 dxe3** 0.53/19

[16...Qxd5 17.exd4 Nd3 *(17...Nxf4 18.gxf4 Nd3 19.Qxe7±)* 18.Qxe7±]

[16...Bb5= 0.00/19]

17.Bxe3± Bb7 18.dxe6

[18.Qxa7? Ra8-+ *(18...Bxd5? 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Qa4-+)*]

18...fxe6 19.Red1 -0.01/19

[19.Qxa7? Ra8-+]

[White should play 19.Bd4!± 0.53/19]

19...Rc7= Strongly threatening ...Rd7.

20.Bg5 -1.02/22

[20.Qxa7? Bxf3 21.Qxb6 Bxd1 22.Rxd1 Rc8-+]

[20.b4= 0.27/18 remains equal. Nd3 21.Qb3]

20...Bxg5∓ 21.Nxg5 -1.51/21

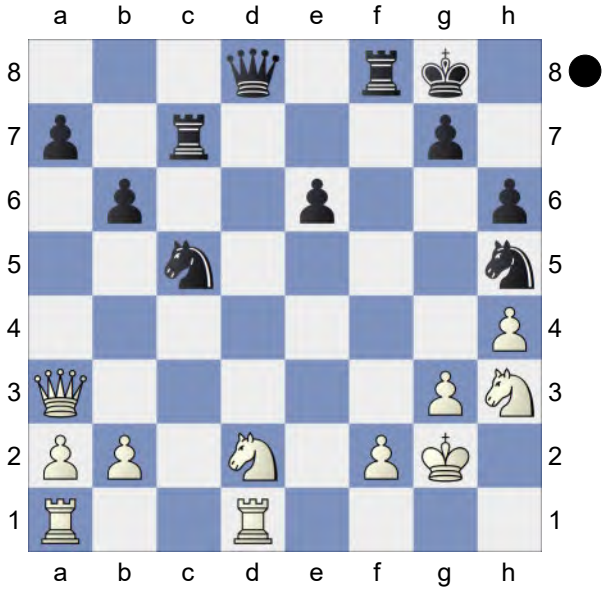
[21.hxg5∓ -0.58/22 Nd3 22.Nf1]

21...Bxg2 22.Kxg2 h6 -0.98/19

[22...Qa8+-+ -1.63/20 23.f3 h6]

Loses the game. **23.Nh3?** -4.39/21

[23.Nge4∓ -0.98/19 is more resistant.]



23...Rd7!-+ 24.Qe3 Rd3 25.Qe5 -6.76/23

[⌓25.Qe2 -4.07/21 Qd5+ 26.Kh2]

25...Rf5 Black is clearly winning.

[25...Rxd2? 26.Rxd2 Qxd2 27.Qxh5-+]

26.Qe2

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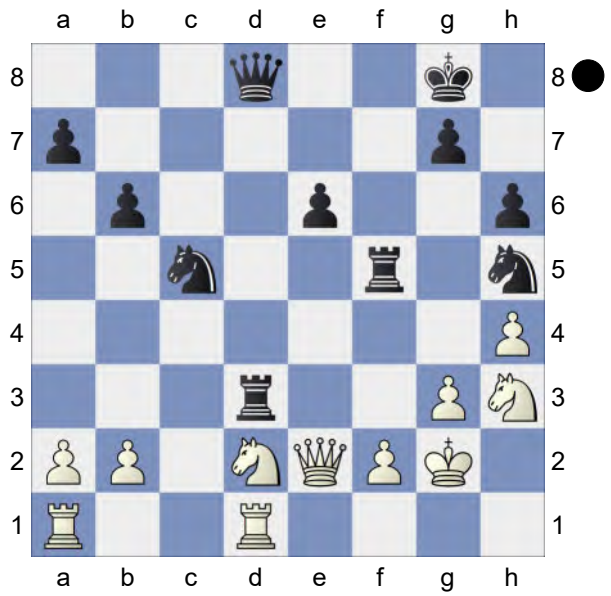
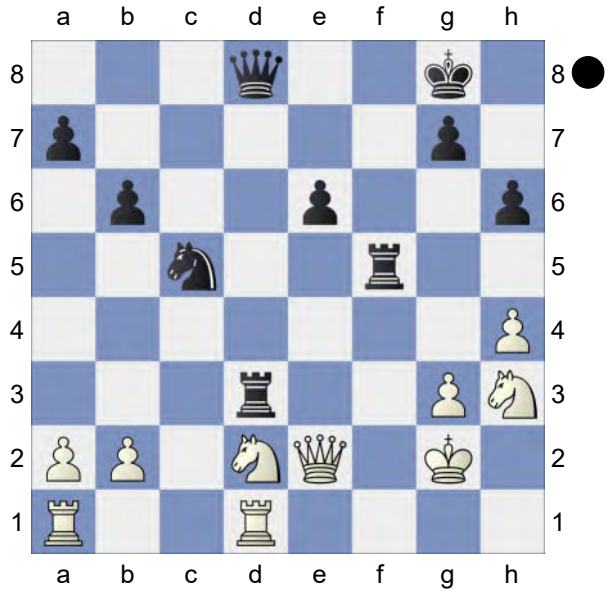


Nxg3 27.fxg3



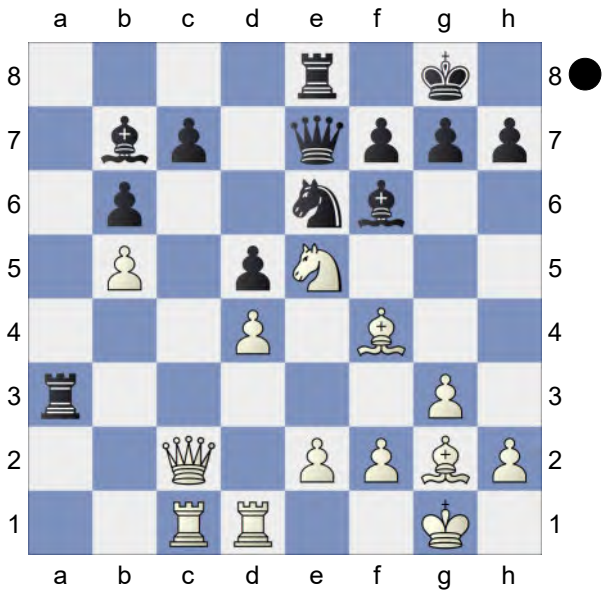
and Nf3! should not be overlooked
27...Rfd5! 28.Nf2 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Rxd2 30.Rd1 Qd5+ 31.Qf3 Rxd1 32.Nxd1 Qxa2 Endgame KQN-KQN. Black is two pawns up. **33.h5 a5 34.Qa8+ Kh7 35.Qe8 Qd5+ 36.Kh2 Qd7**
[Weaker is 36...Qxd1 37.Qg6+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qg6+ Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kh7=]
37.Qg6+ Kg8 38.Ne3 Qf7 39.Qg4 Qf2+ 40.Ng2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
40...Qxb2
0-1

165 **E06**
□ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2601**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2650**
22nd Karpov Int. (6.4) 21.07.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Qd3 b6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0
[9.Nxd5!? exd5□ 10.0-0=]
9...Bb7 10.Nxd5
[10.Rd1 N7f6 11.Nxd5 *(11.Ne5 c5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Bg5 Qc8 15.Rac1 h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qe3 d4 18.Bxb7 dxe3 19.Bxc8 exf2+ 20.Kxf2 Bxe5* Lesson 7-5.g3 2024 *)* 11...exd5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.b4 c6 15.Rab1 b5 16.a4 bxa4 17.Ra1 a5 18.Rxa4 axb4 19.Rxb4 Ba6 20.Qd2 Qe7 21.e3 Bc4 22.Rdb1 Ra2 23.Qc1 c5 24.dxc5 Qxc5 1-0 (40) Caruana,F (2835)-Carlsen,M (2863) Clutch-ch June rapid 2020 (3.11)]
10...exd5 11.Bf4 Re8N
[11...c5
A) 12.b3 a5 13.Rfd1 *(13.a4 Bf6 14.Rfd1 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc5 16.Qb1 Re8 17.Ra2 Qd7 18.Nb5 Be5 19.Bxe5 Rxe5 20.Rad2 Rd8 21.e4 Ba6 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Rxd5 Qe7 24.Qd1 Rxd5 25.Qxd5 Bxb5 26.axb5 g6 27.e5 Kg7* (58) Ernst,H (2777)-C 06/32 (2773) 26/50 Wijk aan Zee 1978*)* 13...a4 14.Rac1 axb3 15.axb3 Ra3 16.Qc2 Re8 17.h4 h6

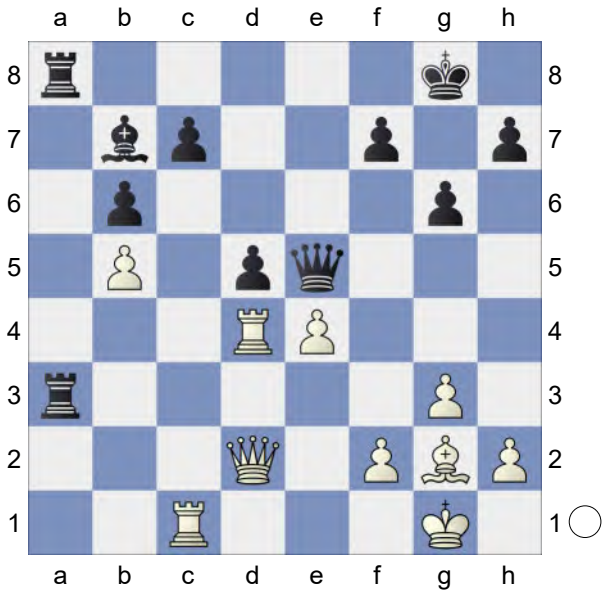
18.Qb2 Ra8 19.Ne5 Bf6 20.b4 cxb4 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.Rxc6 Ra5 23.Bh3 Line E6-7...b6;
B) 12.Rfd1 c4 13.Qc2 b5 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.b3 Qb6 16.a4 a6 17.bxc4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 bxc4 19.Rab1 Bb4 20.Rxb4 Qxb4 21.Rb1 Qxb1+ 22.Qxb1 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Rac8 24.Bd6 Rfe8 25.Qc2 c3 26.Bc5 1-0 (58) Farionov,A (2664)-Sivenkov,O (2685) cor 1980 (2)]

12.Rfd1 Nf8 0.51/17
[12...c5= 0.11/15]
13.Rac1± Ne6 14.Ne5 -0.26/16
[14.e3± 0.46/16]
14...Bf6 0.31/18
[14...Bd6= -0.26/16]
15.b4! Qe7 16.b5 a6 17.a4 axb5 18.axb5 Ra3 19.Qc2



Nxd4! Remove Defender **20.Rxd4 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Qxe5 22.Qd2 g6 23.e3 Rd8 24.e4 Rda8**

(Diagram)



25.exd5 Ra1 26.Rdc4 Rxc1+ 27.Rxc1 Ra1 28.Rd1 Hoping for d6!. **28...Bc8** aiming for ...Bd7. **29.h4 Bd7 30.Rxa1 Qxa1+=** Endgame KQB-KQB **31.Kh2 Qe5 32.Bf1 h5 33.Be2 Kf8 34.Qb4+ Ke8 35.Qd2 Bf5 36.Bf1 Bg4 37.Bg2 Kd7 38.Qc2 Qd4 39.Qc6+ Kd8** Black wants to play ...Bd7!. **40.Qa8+ Ke7 41.Qa3+** The position is equal. **41...Qc5 42.Qb2 Bd7 43.Qe5+ Kd8 44.Qf6+ Qe7 45.Qh8+ Qe8 46.Qf6+ Qe7 47.Qh8+ Qe8 48.Qf6+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
48...Qe7
½-½

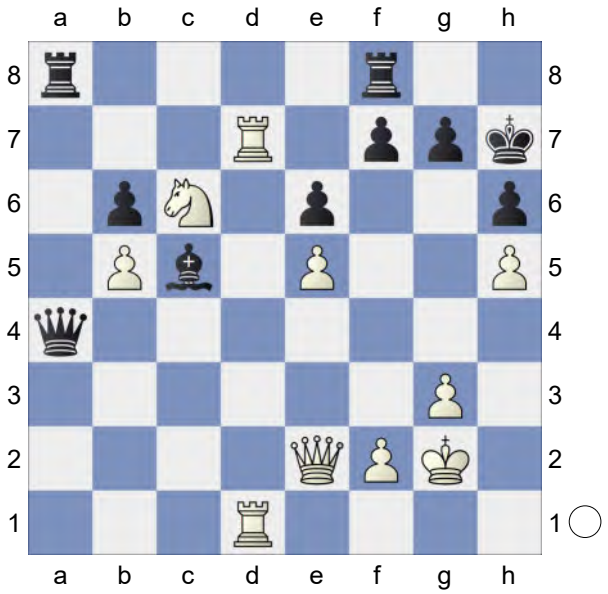
169	**E10**
□ **Kuzubov,Y**	**2600**
■ **Wojtaszek,R**	**2648**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (2.36)	05.09.25

[Kitty Kat]

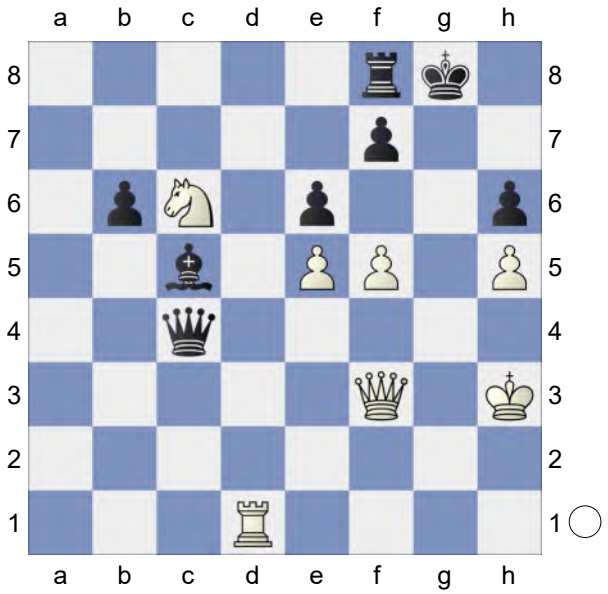
E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Bf4 The position is equal. **8...0-0**

9.Nbd2N
[9.h4 b6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Ng5 c5 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 Nh5 15.Be3 f5 16.Ne6 Qb8 17.g4 fxg4 18.Bxe4 Ndf6 19.Nxf8 Qxf8 20.0-0-0 Bd6 21.Bf5 Re8 22.Rhe1 Kh8 23.Kb1 a6 1-0 (32) Molina,R (2852)-Sivenkov,O (2668) 8... ♘c5 (Analyse) 1996 (1.1) 24.Bg5 b5 25.Re6 Rd8 26.Ne4 Bf4 27.Bxf6 Nxf6 28.Nxf6 gxf6 29.Qe4 Be5 30.Qxg4 c4 31.Qh5 Qg8 32.Re7 1-0 Carlsen,M (2859)-Giri,A (2764) Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (4.2)]
9...c5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.0-0 b6 12.b4 Ncd7 13.Qb2 Bb7 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.Rfd1 Qe8 16.Ne5 Nh5 17.Nd3 Nhf6 0.73/18
[17...Nxf4= 0.12/20 18.Nxf4 Nf6]
18.Be3 Ba8 0.78/19
[18...e5⩲ 0.40/18 is superior.]
19.Bd4 dxc4 1.36/21
[19...Bd6!⩲ 0.59/18]
20.Nxc4± Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Rc7 1.43/20
[21...b5 0.93/18 22.Na5 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 *(23.Rxc1 Bd6±)* 23...e5]
22.b5 0.97/16
[⌓22.Nce5 1.43/20 Qa8+ 23.Kg1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1]
22...a6 1.90/20 **23.a4!+-**
[23.bxa6 Qa8+ 24.Kg1 Qxa6=]
[23.Nxb6?! Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Nxb6 25.Bxb6 Qxb5±]
23...axb5 24.axb5
[24.Nxb6 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Nxb6 26.Qxb5 Nbd5-+ *(26...Nxa4 27.Rc6∓)*]
24...Qc8 2.55/21
[24...Ra7± 1.33/19]
25.Qb3 1.13/19
[25.Nxb6 Qb7+ 26.Rc6 Nxb6 27.Bxb6 Rxc6 28.bxc6 Qxc6+ 29.f3 Rb8=]
[25.Nde5+- 2.55/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
25...Nc5 1.52/19
[Better is 25...Qb7+ 1.13/19 26.f3 Rfc8]
26.Bxc5!± Bxc5 1.74/19
[26...Qb7+± 0.86/20 27.Kg1 Bxc5]
27.Nce5!+-
[27.Nxc5?! Rxc5 28.Nd6 *(28.Nxb6? Qb7+ 29.f3 Rxc1-+)* 28...Qa8+ 29.Qf3 Qxf3+ 30.Kxf3 *(30.exf3 Rxc1 31.Rxc1 Nd5⩱)* 30...Rh5⩱]
27...Re8 28.Nc6 Active counter play!
28...Bf8 1.89/18
[28...Nd7± 1.26/18 29.Nxc5 Nxc5]
29.Nde5 Excellent horsemanship.
29...Nd5 2.41/19
[29...Ne4± 1.51/18 30.Rc2 Qb7]
30.e4 Nb4 31.Rc4 1.24/21
[White should try 31.Rd2+- 2.18/19]
31...Nxc6± 32.Nxc6
[32.bxc6?! Bc5⩲]
32...Bc5 Dodges Rcd4 **33.Qd3 Qa8** 2.06/17
[33...h6± 1.32/19 34.Rc2 Qa8]
34.h4 h6 35.h5 1.29/19
[35.Rd2+- 1.91/20]
35...Qa2 1.92/21
[35...Rf8± 1.29/19 36.Qe2 Rxc6 37.bxc6 Qxc6]
36.Rc2 1.44/20
[36.Rd2+- 1.92/21 Qa8 37.Rc1]
36...Qa8 2.48/20
[36...Qa4± 1.44/20 was worth a try. 37.Rdd2 Qa1]
37.Rcd2 Qa4 38.Qe2 1.19/21
[38.Qb1!+- 2.63/21 Black must now prevent Ra2. Ra8 39.Rd8+ Rxd8 40.Rxd8+ Kh7 41.e5+ g6 42.Qd3]
38...Kh7 39.e5 Rf8 40.Rd8 Rc8 41.R8d7 Ra8

(Diagram)



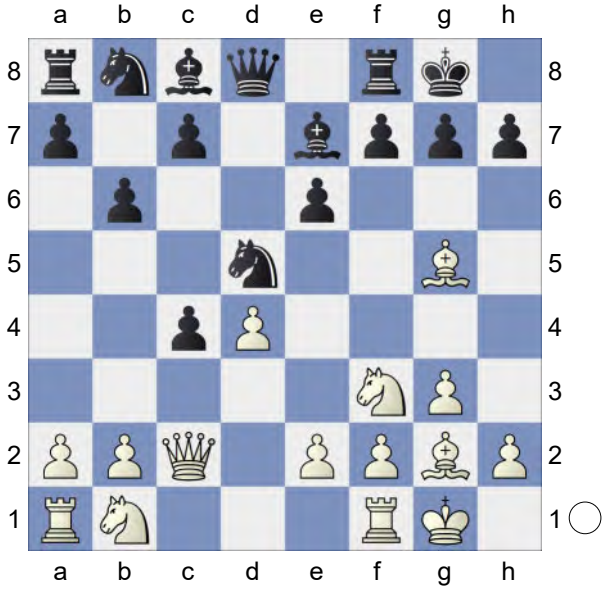
Prevents Ra7 **42.f4** 0.83/23
[42.Nd8!+- 1.94/24 is the precise move to win.]
42...Kg8 43.Kh3 -0.01/21
[43.R7d2± 1.00/23]
43...Qb3= 44.Ra7⇄ White has counterplay
[44.Qd3 Qb2 45.Rb1 Qf2 46.Rf1]
44...Rxa7 45.Nxa7 Ra8 46.Rd7
[46.Nc6 Ra3 47.Rd8+ Kh7 48.Qe4+]
46...Qb1 White must now prevent ...Qa1.
47.Qf3 Rf8
[47...Re8 48.Qd3 Qh1+ 49.Kg4 Rf8]
48.Rd1
[48.Qd3 with more complications. Qh1+ 49.Kg4 Qh2 50.Nc6]
48...Qf5+ 49.g4 Qc2 50.Nc6 Qb2 51.g5 Qxb5 52.gxh6 gxh6 53.f5 Black cannot hold the game after this.
53...Qc4? 9.93/24
[53...exf5 54.e6 Kg7 *(54...fxe6 55.Qg3+ Kh8 56.Qe5+ Kg8 57.Qxe6+ Kh8 58.Qxh6+ Kg8 59.Qe6+ Kh8 60.Ne7)* 55.exf7+-]
[53...Kh7= 0.01/24]



54.f6!+- Kh7 55.Nd8 Qb5 56.Rd2 8.38/24
[⌓56.Qg2 #10/22 Rg8 57.Qe4+ Rg6 58.hxg6+ Kg8 59.gxf7+ *(59.Nxf7 Bf8 60.g7 Kxf7 61.Qb7+ Be7 62.Qxe7+ Kg6 63.g8Q+ Kf5 64.Qg4+ Kxe5 65.Qexe6#)* 59...Kf8 60.Qh7 *(60.Nxe6+ Kxf7 61.Nxc5 Qxc5 62.e6+ Kxf6 63.Rf1+ Ke7 64.Rf7+ Kd8 65.Rd7+ Ke8 66.Qg6+ Kf8 67.Qf7#)* 60...Qb3+ 61.Rd3 Qxd3+ 62.Qxd3 Bb4 63.Qg6 Be1 64.Nxe6#]
56...Qe8 57.Qe4+ Kh8 58.Qg2? 2.15/5
[58.Qb7 34.67/26 Intending Rd7 and mate. Be3 59.Rd7]
58...Rg8 59.Qb7 Rf8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.58
60.Rd7
1-0

170 **E05**
□ **Bosiocic,Marin** **2600**
■ **Efimov,Igor** **2421**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (2.1) 25.09.18
[TA]

1.d4 Ftacnik,L **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2** 3 D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and e4 **7...b6N 8.Bg5+- Nd5**



9.Bxe7! White is clearly better. **9...Qxe7 10.Ne5**
[10.Qxc4]
[10.e4]
[10.Nbd2]
10...Nd7 11.Nc6 Qd6 12.Qxc4 b5
[12...Nb8 13.Nxb8 Rxb8 14.Nd2 Bb7 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.Rac1]
13.Qxb5 a5 14.Bxd5 Ba6
[14...exd5 15.Qxd5 Qxd5 1-0 (34) Morozevich,A (2750)-Carlsen,M (2801) Moscow 2009 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Nxd5]

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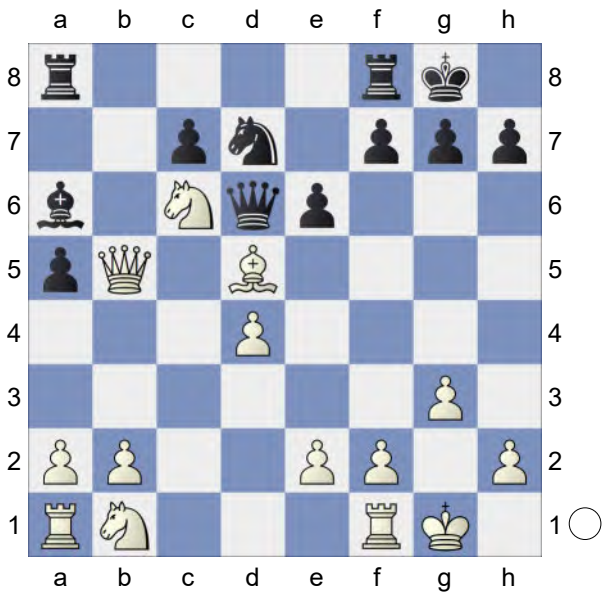
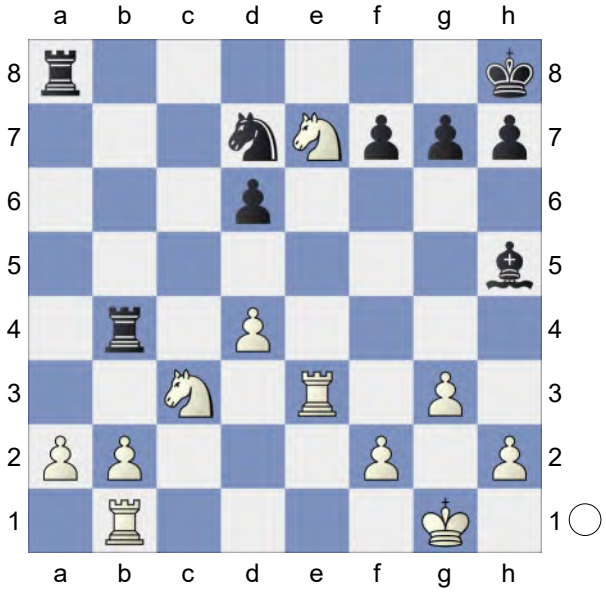


15.Qxa5! exd5
[15...Bxe2 16.Ne7+ Qxe7 17.Bxa8 Bxf1 18.Kxf1]
16.Qxd5 Bxe2
[16...Qxd5 17.Ne7+ Kh8 18.Nxd5 Bxe2 19.Rc1]
17.Qxd6 cxd6 18.Re1 Bf3 19.Ne7+ White is clearly winning. **19...Kh8 20.Re3 Bh5 21.Nc3 Rfb8 22.Rb1** Threatens to win with Nf5. **22...Rb4**

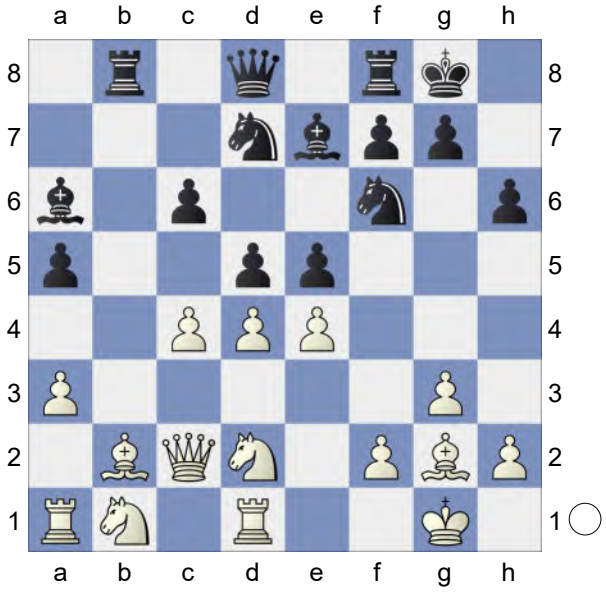


23.Nc6! Rb6 24.d5 Nf6 25.b4 Precision: White = 98%, Black = 27%. **25...Ra3** was necessary. **⩲26.b5 h6=**

27.Nd4 Nd7 Predecessor: **28.Rb3 Ra8 29.a4 Nc5 30.Rb4 Na6 31.Rc4 Nc5 32.Nc6 Nxa4 33.Rxa4 Rxa4 34.Nxa4 Rxb5 35.Nc3 Rc5** 1-0 (41) Vyzmanavin,A (2610)-Azmaiparashvili,Z (2625) Elenite 1994 CBM 044 [Ftacnik,L]
36.Ne7
1-0

167 **E10**
□ **Kuzubov,Y** **2600**
■ **Lu Shanglei** **2647**
Fujairah Global Superstar (6.16) 29.8.25
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 h6 10.Rd1 a5 11.a3 0.01/19
[11.Nc3± 0.40/18]
[11.Ne5 Nh5 12.Bc1 Nhf6 13.Nc3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.e4 Bc5 17.Rd2 d4 18.Na4 Ba7 19.b3 b5 20.Nc5 Nxe5 21.Bb2 Qe7 22.Rc1 Bb7 23.Bxd4 Rac8 24.Bxe5 Rxc5 25.Qb2 Rxc1+ ½-½ (50) Moiseenko,A (2662)-Sivenkov,O (2668) Daring Defences 2011 (4)]
11...Nh5N The position is equal.
[11...a4 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.Ne5 Qa6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Nd3 Nb6 16.Nc5 Qa5 17.Bd2 Qa7 18.h3 Re8 19.Rac1 Nfd7 20.Nxd7 Bxd7 21.Na2 Nc4 22.Bb4 Bg5 23.e3 g6 24.h4 Bf5 25.Qe2 Bf6 26.Nc3 0-1 (81) Samunenkov,I (2543)-Van Foreest,L (2520) EU-ch Blitz Skopje 2024 (12)]
12.Bc1 Nhf6 13.Nfd2 -0.54/19
[White should play 13.Nbd2= 0.24/19]
13...b5∓ 14.b3 Ba6 0.11/20
[14...bxc4∓ -0.69/20 15.bxc4 Ba6]
15.e4 -0.67/20
[15.c5!= 0.11/20]
15...bxc4 16.bxc4 e5 -0.18/20
Black is more active.
[16...c5∓ -0.73/21 17.e5 Ng4 18.cxd5 cxd4]
17.Bb2= Rb8



Black converts the advantage convincingly. **18.dxe5?** -2.11/20
[18.exd5= -0.16/20 and White stays safe. Qb6 19.dxc6 Qxb2 20.Qxb2 Rxb2 21.cxd7]
18...Ng4-+ 19.Nf3 -2.22/18
[19.cxd5? Bc5 *(19...Ndxe5 20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.Nc3=)* 20.Nf3 Bxf2+ *(20...Nxf2? 21.Bd4-+)* 21.Kh1 Ne3 22.Qxf2 Nxd1-+]
[19.exd5 Qb6 20.c5 Qxb2 *(20...Bxc5? 21.Ne4-+)* 21.Qxb2 Rxb2-+]
[19.Bd4∓ -1.57/16 was called for. c5 20.Bb2]
19...Qb6 -1.30/17
[Black should try 19...Rxb2-+ -2.22/18 20.Qxb2 Bc5]
20.Bd4 -1.93/19
[20.Bc3∓ -1.30/17 Bxc4 21.Rd2]
20...c5 Black has strong compensation.

21.Be3 -2.43/18
[21.Bh3∓ -1.03/17 Qg6 22.cxd5 cxd4 23.d6]
21...d4
[21...Bxc4 22.Nbd2 *(22.exd5? Bb3-+)* 22...Be2 *(22...Ngxe5 23.exd5 Bd3 24.Qa4=; 22...Ndxe5 23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.exd5=; 22...Nxe3 23.fxe3 Qe6 24.Rac1∓)* 23.exd5=]
22.Bf4 Qe6 23.Bh3? -3.61/16
[23.h4 -1.72/17]
23...g5
[23...Ndxe5? 24.Nxe5 h5 25.f3+-]
[23...Bxc4 24.Bxg4 Qxg4 25.Qxc4=]
24.Bc1 Bxc4
[24...Ndxe5 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.Bxg4±]
25.Nbd2 Be2
[25...Ndxe5? 26.Nxe5 Be2 27.Bxg4 Bxd1 28.Bxd1+- *(28.Qxd1 Qxe5 29.Nc4 Qxe4±)*]
26.Re1 aiming for Bxg4. **26...d3** Black is clearly winning. **27.Qa4 Ndxe5 28.Nxe5 Qxe5 29.Ra2** White is weak on the dark squares **29...Bf6** and ...Qd4 should not be overlooked **30.Bxg4 Bxg4 31.Nc4 Qe8 32.Qxa5 Be6** A strong pair of Bishops. **33.e5 Bd8 34.Qc3 Qa4 35.Rb2 Bc7**
[Less strong is 35...Qxc4 36.Qxc4 Bxc4 37.Rxb8∓]
36.Re4 Bd5 37.Qxd3 Bxe4 38.Qxe4 Qd1+ 39.Kg2 Qxc1 40.Rxb8 Bxb8 41.Ne3 Qb2 42.Ng4

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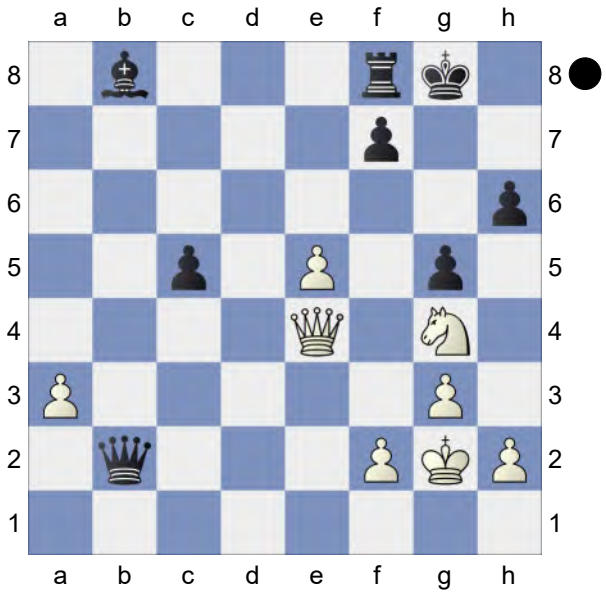


Bxe5 43.Nxh6+ Kh8 44.Qf5 Bg7 45.Ng4 Qb7+ 46.f3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.24 (precise)
46...Qe7
0-1

168 **E10**
□ **Kuzubov,Y** **2600**
■ **Pranav,Anand** **2590**
Fujairah Global Superstar (8.19) 31.8.25
[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations
Later in the match, Caruana opted to take on Grischuk's Catalan, relying on the 4...Bb4 5.Bd2 Bd6 variation. He did well with it, scoring 2.5/4, and we take a closer look here. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc1N** 0.10/23
[8.c5± 0.50/21 is more appropriate. Be7 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.Bf4 g5 11.Be3 f5 12.Qc1 h6 13.h4 gxh4 14.gxh4 7. Catalan Opening,4-Black sidelines - 5...Bd6 #2]
[8.b3 b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.cxd5 exd5

11.Nb5 Be7 12.Bf4 Ne8 13.Qc2 c6 14.Nc3 Nef6 15.Rad1 Re8 16.Ne5 Bb4 17.e3 Nf8 18.Nd3 Be7 19.b4 Ng6 20.Qb3 Rc8 21.Rc1 Bf8 22.Rfd1 Nxf4 0-1 (43) Grischuk,A (2782)-Caruana,F (2799) Champions Showdown G5 2017 (6.2)]

[8.Bc3 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Ne5 a5 11.b3 Bb4 12.Bb2 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Ne4 14.Nf3 a4 15.a3 Be7 16.b4 c5 17.bxc5 dxc4 18.Qc2 Nxc5 19.Qxc4 Qd5 20.Qxd5 Bxd5 21.Nd4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rfc8 1-0 (72) Dardha,D (2652)-Zlatkov,A (2321) Wch U20 62nd 2025 (1)]

[8.Qc2 c6 9.Rd1 *(9.Bf4 Bxf4 10.gxf4 b6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.Nd2 Ba6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nf3 Nh6 16.Bh3 f5 17.Kh1 Kh8 18.Rg1 Nf7 19.Rg3 Rc8 20.Qd2 Qc7 21.Ne1 Qe7 22.f4 Rc7 23.Ra3 Bb5* ½-½ (27) Andreikin,D (2458)-Vitiugov,N (2538) Saint Petersburg 95/(324) 2005*)* 9...Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 g5 13.Ne1 h5 14.Nd3 h4 15.Be1 hxg3 16.hxg3 g4 17.Nef4 Rf6 18.a3 Ng5 19.Bb4 Bxb4 20.axb4 Nf3+ 21.Kf1 Rh6 22.Ke2 Nb6 1-0 (37) Postny,E (2577)-Van Foreest,J (2696) Jerusalem Masters rapid 2024 (1)]

8...c6= 9.Rd1 h6 10.Nc3 Qe7 11.Bf4 Bxf4 12.gxf4 dxc4 13.Ne5 Nb6 0.37/21

[13...Nxe5!= -0.14/20 14.dxe5 Nd5]

14.e4 -0.28/22

[14.a4± 0.37/21]

14...Bd7 0.18/21

[⌓14...Nfd7! -0.28/22]

15.Qe3 White has compensation.

15...Qb4 0.78/20

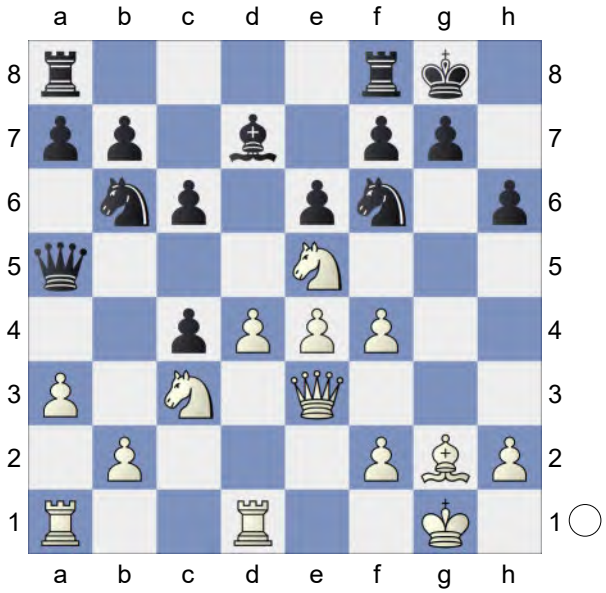
[15...Be8= 0.10/20 remains equal.]

16.a3 0.31/18 White is more active.

[16.a4± 0.78/20]

16...Qa5 1.77/18

[16...Qd6± 0.31/18]



17.Bf3 0.70/19

[17.Kh1!+- 1.77/18]

17...Be8 1.19/20

[17...Rac8± 0.70/19]

18.Kh1± Kh7 1.79/18

[18...Kh8± 0.85/19]

19.Rg1+- Nfd7? 3.80/19

[19...Nc8 1.66/19]

20.Rg3 f6? 7.15/21

[20...Nxe5 2.99/17 21.fxe5 Rh8]

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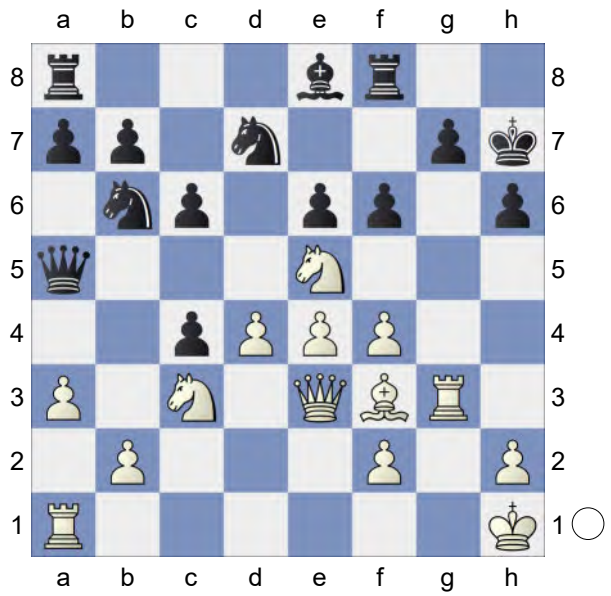
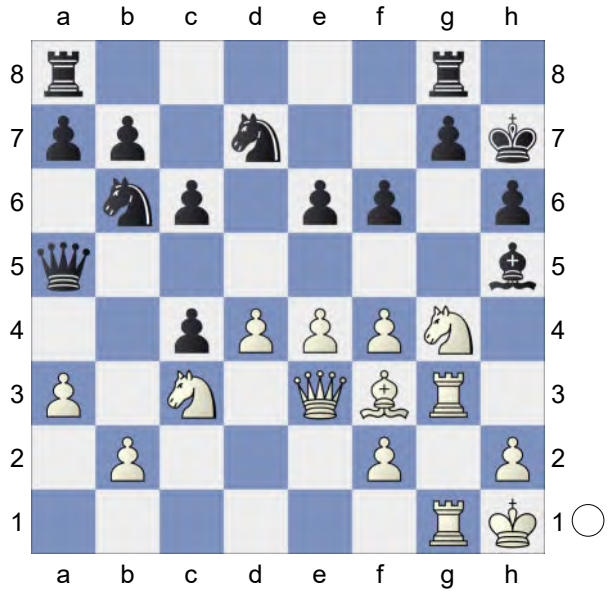
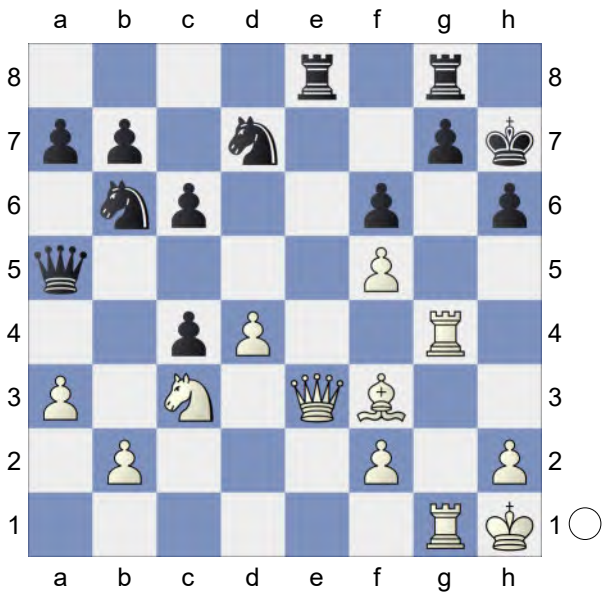


21.Rag1! Rg8 22.Ng4 Bh5



23.f5! exf5 24.exf5 Bxg4 7.93/24
[24...Qxf5 25.Be4]
[⌓24...Rae8 4.74/20]
25.Rxg4
[Inferior is 25.Bxg4 Rae8 26.Qd2 Re7∓]
25...Rae8

(Diagram)



Against Qe7 **26.Rxg7+!!** Deflection **26...Rxg7 27.Qxe8** Threatens to win with Rxg7+. **27...Rg5 28.h4** 13.81/26
[⌓28.Rxg5 #19/29 hxg5 29.Qg6+ Kh8 30.Bh5 Qxf5 31.Qxf5 a6 32.Be8 c5 33.Qg6 *(33.Bxd7 Nxd7 34.Qxd7 Kg8 35.Nd5 cxd4 36.Qe7 f5 37.Nf6+ Kh8 38.Qh7#; 33.dxc5 Nc8 34.Qxd7 b5 35.Bg6 Ne7 36.Qh3+ Kg8 37.Qh7+ Kf8 38.Qf7#)*]
28...Rxg1+ 29.Kxg1 Kg7 30.Qe7+ Kg8 31.Qe8+? -0.01/29
[31.Bh5 #12/23 mates Qc5 32.Bf7+ *(32.dxc5 Ne5 33.cxb6 a6 34.Ne4 Ng4 35.Qf7+ Kh8 36.Qf8+ Kh7 37.Bg6#)* 32...Kg7 33.dxc5 Nc8 34.Qxd7 b5 35.Bxc4+ Discovered Attack (Check) Ne7 36.Qxe7+ Kh8 37.Qf8+ Kh7 38.Qg8#]
31...Nf8? 33.91/23
[31...Kg7= -0.01/29]
32.Bh5 Nbd7 33.Bf7+ Black is weak on the light squares **33...Kh7 34.Bxc4 h5** White is clearly winning. **35.Be6** Intending Qf7+ and mate. **35...Qc7 36.Qxh5+** 14.03/5
[⌓36.Ne4 34.05/24 Nc5 37.Nxf6+

(37.dxc5 Qg7+ 38.Kf1 Kh8+-) 37...Kg7 38.Nxh5+ *(38.dxc5 Kxf6 39.Qxf8+ Ke5 40.Qh6 Qd8 41.Qe3+ Kf6 42.Qc3+ Qd4 43.Qxd4+ Ke7 44.Qg7+* Skewer *Ke8 45.Qf7+ Kd8 46.Qd7#; 38.Qxh5 Ncxe6 39.Ne8+ Kg8+-)* 38...Kh6 39.Bf7 *(39.dxc5 Qe5+-; 39.Qxf8+ Kxh5 40.Qh8+ Kg4+-)*]

36...Kg7 37.Qf7+ Kh6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=1.68

38.Bxd7 Remove Defender

1-0

171 **E10**

□ **Narayanan,SL** **2595**

■ **Volokitin,And** **2628**

Fujairah Global Superstar (4.12) 27.8.25

[Kitty Kat]

E15: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 sidelines, 4 g3 Ba6 and 4 g3 Bb7 early deviations

E11: Bogo-Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Nc3

[9.Bc3 b6 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.Qc2 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.a3 Rac8 15.Qb2 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Rfd8 17.e3 b5 18.Na5 Be4 19.Nd4 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 Rc2 21.Qb1 Rdc8 22.Bxe4 Nxe4 23.Nc4 Nxf2 0-1 (31) Atienza Alvarez,J (2119)-Garcia Ramos,D (2415) Iberoamerican-ch 10th 2024 (1)]

9...b6

[9...Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Ne5 f5 12.Bf4 Bf6 13.h4 Qe7 14.Qc1 c5 15.e3 b6 16.Rd1 cxd4 17.exd4 Bb7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Be5 Rad8 20.Qf4 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qd6 22.Qxd6 Rxd6 23.c5 Rd5 24.Rac1 0-1 (60) Maghsoodloo,P (2720)-Gukesh,D (2725) Tata Steel India Rapid 2022 (2)]

10.Bf4 Ba6 11.Qd3 Rc8N

[11...dxc4 12.bxc4 Nd5 13.Bd2 Nb4 14.Qb1 Bxc4 15.Rd1 Nd5 16.e4 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Qc7 18.Qb2 Nf6 19.Ne5 Ba6 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Qb3 Bb7 22.Bb2 Nd7 23.Ng4 Nf6 24.Ne5 Nd7 25.Ng4 Nf6 26.Ne5 ½-½ Nguyen,T (2634)-Cyborowski,L (2490) CZE-chT 2223 2022 (9.2)]

12.Rfd1 c5 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.cxb5 cxd4 15.Rac1 Nc5 16.Qc2 -0.54/23

[16.Qb1= -0.02/22]

16...Nce4∓ 17.Qxc8

[17.Bc7? Qd7 18.Ne5 Qxb5-+]

17...Qxc8 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Nxd4 Ba3 20.Bf3 g5 21.Be3 Nc3 -0.15/17

[21...Rc7!∓ -0.75/18]

22.Rd2!= g4↑ Black is more active.

23.Bg2 Bc1 24.Rc2 -1.63/22

[24.Nc6!= -0.17/23 and White stays safe. Kg7 *(24...Nxb5? 25.Ne7+ Kf8 26.Nxc8+-; 24...Bxd2 25.Bxd2 Nxe2+ 26.Kf1+-)* 25.Rc2 *(25.Nxa7? Ra8-+)* 25...Bxe3 *(25...Nxb5? 26.Rxc1 d4 27.Bd2+-)* 26.Rxc3]

24...Bxe3-+ 25.fxe3 Rc5 -0.90/23

[25...Kf8-+ -1.92/23 26.Kf1 e5]

26.a4 -1.89/21

[26.Kf1∓ -0.90/23]

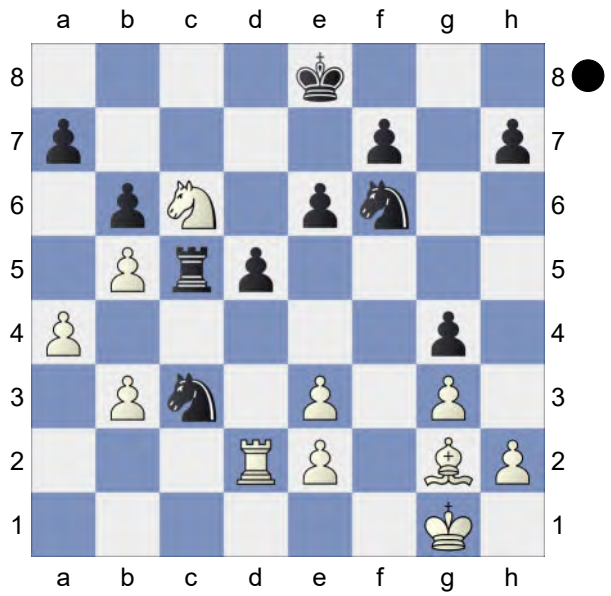
26...Kf8 27.Rd2? -2.64/20

[27.Kf1∓ -0.94/20]

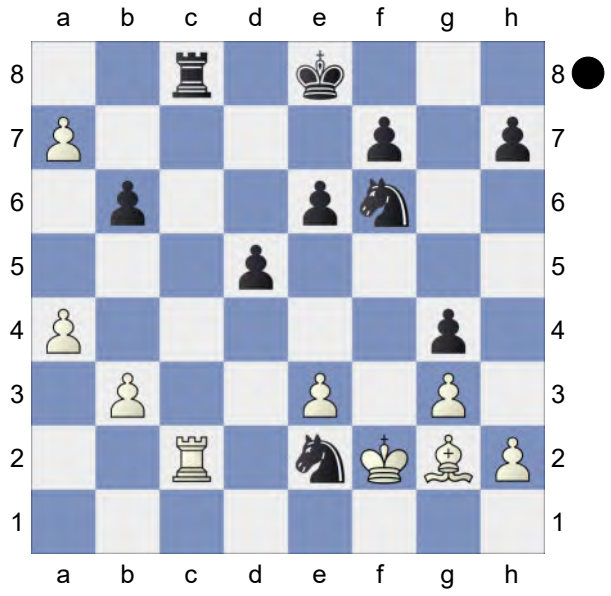
27...Ke8 28.Nc6 -2.90/20

[⌓28.Rc2 -1.91/19]

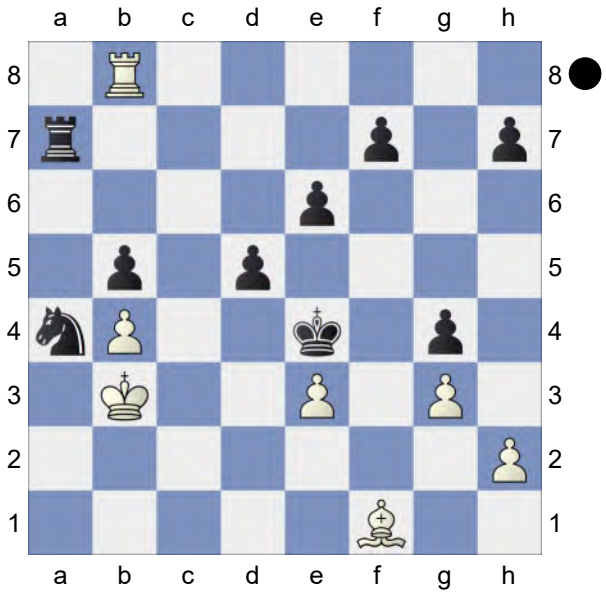
(Diagram)



28...a6? -0.75/24 **29.bxa6** -1.35/26 **Rxc6∓ 30.a7 Rc8 31.Rc2** Threatens to win with Rxc3!. **31...Nxe2+** Deflection **32.Kf2** -1.92/24
[32.Rxe2∓ -1.09/23 Ra8 33.Rc2 *(33.Rf2 Ke7∓)*]



32...Ra8!-+
[32...Rxc2 33.a8Q+ *(33.a8B? Nf4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *34.Kg1 Nxg2-+)* 33...Ke7 34.Kf1=]
[32...Nc3? 33.Rxc3 Ra8 34.Rc7+-]
33.Kxe2 Rxa7∓ Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **34.Rc6** -3.04/20
[34.Ra2 -1.70/20]
34...Rb7 35.Rc1 Ke7 36.Kd2 -2.44/19
[⌓36.b4 -1.70/19]
36...Kd6 37.Rc8 -2.92/18
[37.b4 -1.89/21 keeps fighting.]
37...Rc7 38.Rh8 -4.46/21
[38.Rxc7 -2.29/20 was the only chance. Kxc7 39.b4]
38...Ke5 39.Rf8 Ra7 40.Bf1? -6.50/21
[40.Kc3 -2.81/20]
40...Ne4+-+ 41.Kd1 Nc5 42.Kc2 Ke4 43.b4 Nxa4 44.Kb3 b5 45.Rb8



d4? -0.53/23
[Inferior is 45...Kxe3 46.Bxb5±]
[Black should try 45...Ra6!-+ -6.16/20 46.Rb7 Rb6 *(46...Kxe3 47.Rxf7 Rb6 48.Re7∓)* 47.Rxf7 Kxe3]
46.exd4∓ Kxd4 47.Rd8+! Ke5 0.01/22
[47...Ke3∓ -0.66/23]
48.Rb8!= Kd4 49.Rd8+! Ke5 0.01/20
[49...Ke3∓ -0.88/22 And now ...Rb7 would win. 50.Bxb5 Nb6]
50.Rb8 Prevents Rb7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.55
50...Kd4
½-½

172 **E10**
□ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2587**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2658**
58th Capablanca Mem Elite (6.2) 15.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qb6 The position is equal. **10.Nf3 exd5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nc3 Re8N**
[12...d4 13.Na4 *(13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Bxb4 Re8 15.Ba3 h6 16.Nh4 Ng5 17.Rad1 Bg4* Fressinet,L (2668)-Maurizzi,M (1841) Balagna (rapid) 132/(68) 2017 *)* 13...Qb5 14.Qd3
A) 14...Qxd3 15.exd3 Bf5 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Rfd1 *(17.Nxd4 Bxd3 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Nb3 b5 20.Nc3 a4 21.Nc5 Bc4 22.b3 axb3 23.axb3 Nbd5 24.N3e4 Be2 25.Rd2 Bh5 26.Ra5 Nxe4 27.Nxe4 Nc7 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.h3 h6 30.Nc3 b4 31.Rxh5 bxc3* 1-0 (51) Gruskovnjak,T (2531)-Sirc,A (2329) 59/163 Burgas 1993 (2) *)* 17...Bxd3 18.a3 Nc2 19.Rac1 Be2 20.Rd2 Bb5 21.Nc5 d3 22.Nxd3 Rad8 23.Rdxc2 Bxd3 24.Rc5 b6 25.Rc6 Rb8 26.Ne5 Bb5 27.Rc7 Rbe8 28.f4 Rd8 29.Rb7 ½-½ (45) Lysyj,I (2593)-Esipenko,A (2682) tt Sochi 2020 (5);
B) 14...Qh5 15.Nb6 Bf5 16.Qb5 Rad8 17.Bxb4 axb4 18.Rac1 Be6 19.Qxh5 Nxh5 20.b3 Nf6 21.Ng5 Bg4 22.Rfe1 Rfe8 23.Nf3 Ne4 24.h3 Bh5 25.g4 Bg6 26.Nh4 Nc3 27.Nxg6 1-0 (51) 8.♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2627)-Grimm,S (2500) Metz op 28th 2010 (1.3)]

13.Bg5 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Ne4 15.Be3 This pair of bishops is nice. **15...Qc7 16.Rac1! Be6** 0.85/23
[16...Bf5± 0.37/21 feels stronger. 17.Qb3 Be6]
17.c4± Nf6 1.28/22
[Black should play 17...Qe7± 0.65/21]
18.Ng5 d4 19.Bxc6 Remove Defender **19...Qxc6 20.Bxd4 h6 21.Nxe6 Rxe6** 1.76/22
[21...Qxe6± 0.97/24 22.Rfe1 Rad8]
22.Bxf6!+- Rxf6 1.65/25
[22...gxf6± 1.27/24 23.Rfd1 Re5]
23.Rfd1 Rd6 24.Rxd6 Qxd6 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **25.Rd1 Qe6 26.a4 Rc8 27.Rd4 b6** 2.21/28
[27...g6 1.64/25 28.h4 Kg7]
28.e3 Qe7 2.72/26
[28...Qc6 1.64/25 29.h3 Re8]
29.Qf5 Qe8 30.h4 g6? 4.10/27
[30...Qc6 2.09/25 31.Kh2 g6]
31.Qf6 Qe6 32.Qxe6 fxe6 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **33.f4 Kf7 34.Kf2 Ke7?** 5.20/28
[34...g5 2.92/26 35.Kf3 *(35.fxg5 hxg5 36.hxg5 Rc5±)* 35...gxh4]
35.Ke2 Rf8 6.24/24
[⌓35...g5 4.28/25 36.Kd2 *(36.fxg5 hxg5 37.hxg5 Rc5+-)* 36...gxh4 37.gxh4 Rg8]
36.Re4 Rf5 37.g4 Rc5 38.g5 hxg5 39.hxg5 Rc8 40.Kd3 Rd8+ 41.Kc2 Rh8 42.Re5? 2.06/25
[42.Rd4 5.22/25 Rh3 43.Rd3]
42...Kd6 43.Kd3 Rh1 44.Rb5 Kc6

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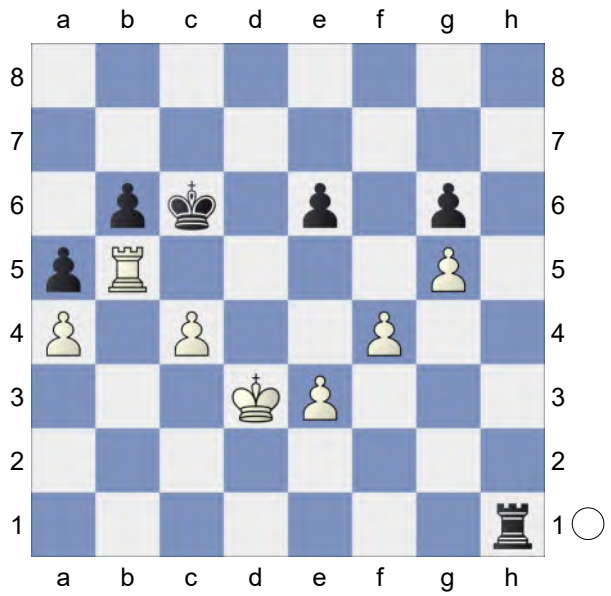
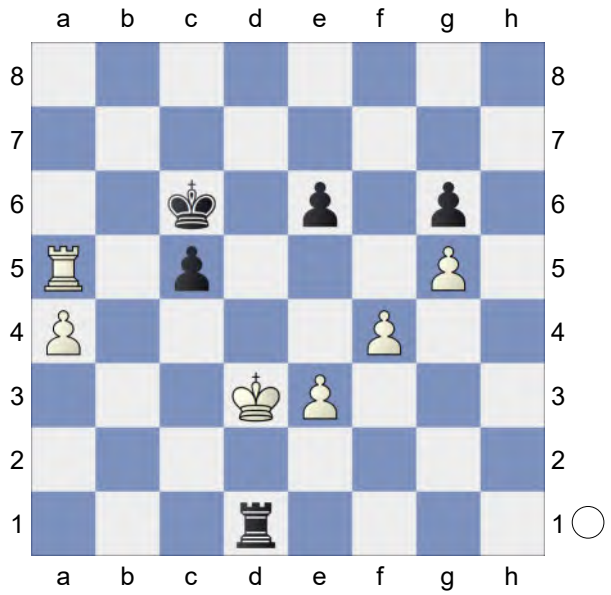


45.c5! Deflection **45...bxc5 46.Rxa5 Rd1+**



47.Kc2 1.05/25
[47.Ke2!+- 2.50/22 Ra1 48.e4]
47...Ra1 3.14/24
[47...Re1± 1.05/25 might work better.]

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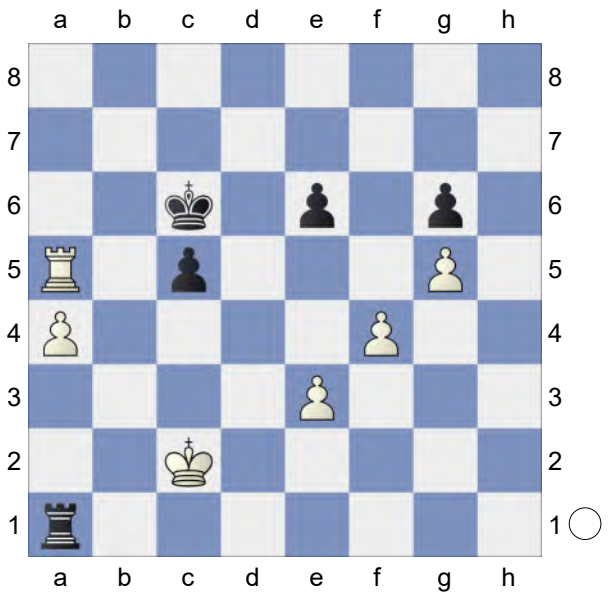


48.e4! Black must now prevent Ra6+.
48...Rf1 49.Ra6+ Kd7 50.Ra7+ 0.34/24
[50.e5+- 1.84/27]
50...Kd6± 51.Rf7 Ra1 52.Ra7 Rf1 53.Ra6+ Kd7 54.e5 Rxf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.30
55.Rd6+
½-½

173 **D30**
□ **Ragger,M** **2585**
■ **Bluebaum,M** **2662**
Titled Tue 29th Apr Late blitz (5) 29.4.25
[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.b3 dxc4 8.bxc4 e5 White is slightly better. **9.c5 Be7 10.dxe5**
[10.Nxe5 Nxd4 11.e3 Ne6]
10...Qxd1! 11.Rxd1 Ne4 Repels Nc3
12.Ba3 Bxc5 13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.Na3N
[14.Nc3 Be6 *(14...Rb8 15.Nd5 Ne6 16.Rd2 Rd8 17.Rad1 Kf8 18.h4 h6 19.Kf1 Na5 20.Ke1 Nc4 21.Rc2 b5*

22.Nd2 Nd4 23.Rc3 Nxe5 24.Nxc7 Bg4 25.f3 Bf5 26.Rdc1 b4 27.Rc5 f6 28.g4 Bd7 29.Rd5 ½-½ (63) Lamard,G (2526)-Oleksienko,M (2592) Aix en Provence Imaweb 1st 2023 (8) *)* 15.Rac1 Rad8 16.Rxd8 Rxd8 17.Nb5 b6 18.Ng5 Nxe5 19.Nxe6 Nxe6 20.Nxa7 Rd2 21.Nb5 c5 22.Nc3 g5 23.h3 Kg7 24.Bf1 h5 25.Rb1 Rc2 26.Nd5 Rxa2 27.Nxb6 Nd4 28.Rc1 Rxe2 ½-½ (140) Makarian,R (2545)-Bluebaum,M (2669) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Early blitz 2023 (7) 29.Rxc5 Re1 30.Kg2 g4 31.hxg4 hxg4 32.Nc4 Nxc4 33.Rxc4 Rd1 34.Ra4 f5 35.Ra7+ Kf6 36.Ra6+ Kg5 37.Ra5 Nf3 38.Ra8 Ne1+ 39.Kg1 Nf3+ 40.Kg2 Rd2 41.Rg8+ Kf6 42.Rf8+ Kg6 43.Re8 Kf7 ½-½ (140) Mecelica,E (2545)-Mladenov,P (2669) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (7)]

14...Rb8 15.Rac1 0.34/22

[⌓15.Nb5 0.70/21]

15...Ne6 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nbd4 Ncxd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 c6 20.Rb4 Be6 21.a4 -0.17/20

[21.Rb2± 0.61/21]

21...Rfd8 1.06/22

[21...b5!= -0.17/20 remains equal. 22.a5 *(22.Rxc6 bxa4 23.Rxb8 Rxb8∓; 22.Bxc6 Rfc8∓)* 22...Rfd8]

22.f4± h6 2.11/21

[22...b5± 0.75/22]

23.Rcb1 0.75/21

[23.a5+- 2.11/21 and White stays clearly on top.]

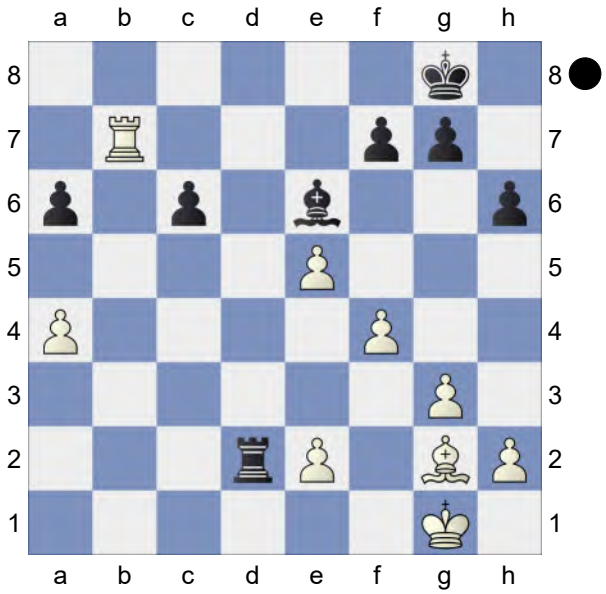
23...Rd2 2.09/22

[23...c5± 0.75/21 24.Rxb7 Rxb7 25.Rxb7 *(25.Bxb7 Rb8=)* 25...g5]

24.Rxb7 1.08/22

[24.Kf2+- 2.09/22]

24...Rxb7 25.Rxb7+-



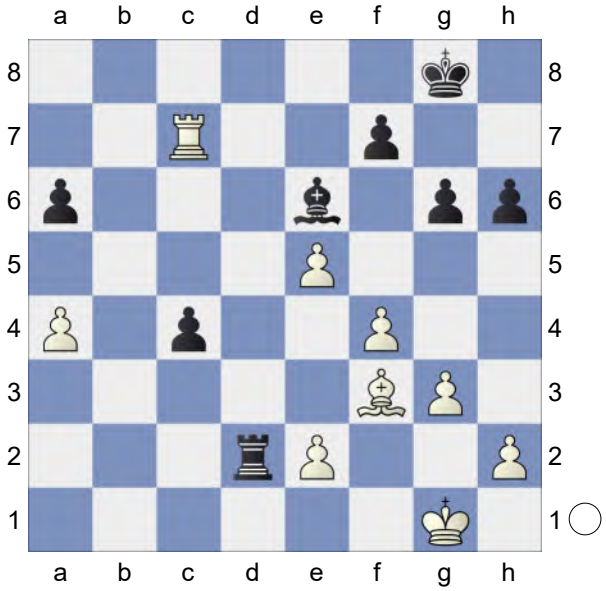
Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **25...c5** 2.24/20

[25...Rxe2± 1.18/20 26.Bxc6 g6]

26.Bf3 c4 2.84/21

[26...Rd4± 1.42/20 keeps fighting.]

27.Rc7 g6



28.Rc6 0.89/22

[28.g4!+- 2.26/20]

28...Ra2 1.93/22

[28...c3± 0.89/22]

29.Rxa6 Black must now prevent Kf2.

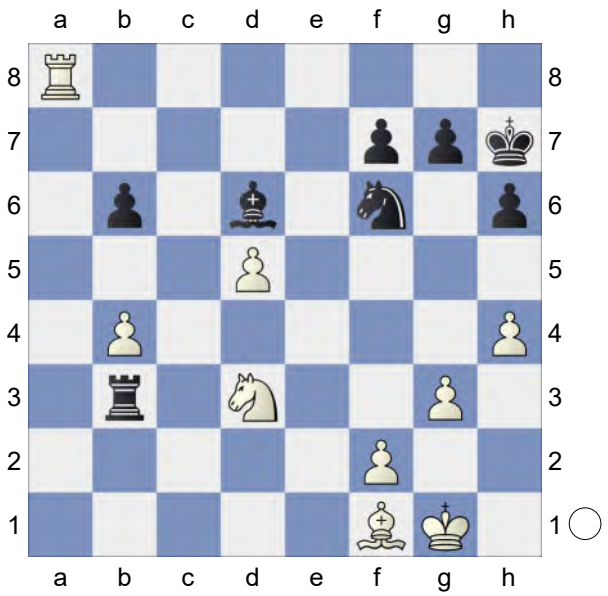
29...c3 30.Rc6 1.46/22

[White should play 30.Kf2+- 1.86/24]

30...c2± 31.Be4?? -7.24/24
[31.Kf2+- 1.75/23]
31...Ra1+-+ Black is clearly winning. **32.Kf2 c1Q 33.Rxc1 Rxc1 34.Bd3 Ra1 35.Bb5 Bb3 36.e4 Bxa4 37.Bc4 Bd7 38.Ke3 Be6 39.Bxe6 fxe6 40.f5** Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.30
40...Ra3+
0-1

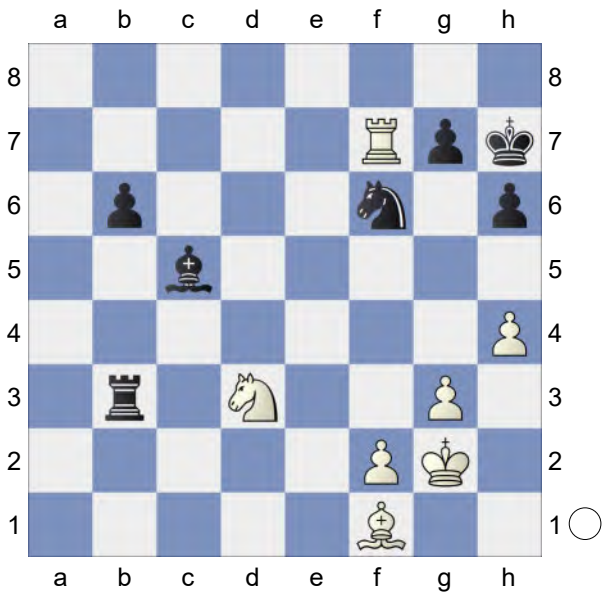
175 **E06**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2584**
■ **Grebnev,Aleksey** **2595**
31st Abu Dhabi Blitz Open (7.2) 22.08.25
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qd3 -0.07/21
[6.0-0± 0.40/16]
6...c5 7.0-0 Nc6
[7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.cxd5 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Nxd5 11.Rd1 Bf6 12.Qg4 Bd7 13.Nd2 Qe7 14.Nf3 Rac8 15.e4 e5 16.Qh5 Nb4 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 h6 19.Nf3 Nc6 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.Bh3 f5 22.exf5 0-1 (42) Firouzja,A (2793)-Caruana,F (2783) E Candidates 2022 (6.2)]
8.cxd5 The position is equal. **8...exd5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nc3N**
[10.a3 Ne4 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Be7 13.Be3 Bf6 14.Bd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qb6 16.Rfd1 Be6 17.e3 Rac8 18.Qb4 Qxb4 19.axb4 a6 20.b5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Rc5 22.Nd4 Rfc8 23.Bf3 Kf8 24.Kg2 Rc4 1-0 (33) Avotins,M (2358)-N,N (2268) COL-ch corr Columbia 1990 (8) 25.Ra5 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.exd4 Rc4 28.Bxd5 Bxd5+ 29.Rxd5 Rb4 30.Rd7 Rxb2 31.d5 g5 32.d6 Kg7 33.Re7 Rd2 1-0 6.Qd3!? variation (2358) MODERN CHESS 2023 (8)]
10...h6 11.a3 Re8 0.49/18
[11...a5= 0.00/17 deserves consideration.]
12.b4± Bf8 13.Bb2 Bg4 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.e3 Rad8 16.Ne2 Bxf3 1.48/19
[16...Ne4± 0.36/18]
17.Bxf3± Ne5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Nf4 0.75/19
[⌓19.Qb3 1.37/17]
19...b6 1.13/18
[⌓19...Qf5 0.75/19]
20.Bg2 White is more active. **20...a5 21.Qb3** 0.48/19
[21.Qd4± 1.05/20 Qd6 22.Rc1]
21...axb4!± 22.axb4 Qb5! 23.Rd4 Bc5 1.88/23
[23...g5!± 0.58/20]
24.Rdd1? -0.01/21
[24.Bxd5+- 1.88/23 Rexd5 *(24...Bxd4? 25.Bxf7+ Kh8 26.exd4±)* 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 26.Nxd5]
24...Bf8!=
[24...Qxb4? 25.Qxb4 Bxb4 26.Nd3+-]
25.h4 0.16/20
[25.Qc2± 0.54/21]
25...d4 1.00/24
[25...g5!= 0.16/20 keeps the balance. 26.Qb2 Rde8 27.hxg5 hxg5]
26.Rxd4± Rxd4 27.exd4 Re8 28.Rb1 0.34/18
[28.Nd3!± 1.17/19]
28...Rd8± 29.d5↑ White has some pressure. **29...Bd6 30.Qd3 Qxd3 31.Nxd3 Rc8 32.Ra1 Rc3! 33.Ra8+ Kh7 34.Bf1 Rb3?** 1.69/20
[34...g5= 0.06/24 and Black has nothing to worry.]



35.Rd8 0.31/21
[White has to play 35.Ra7!+- 1.69/20]
35...Be7 36.Rb8 Nxd5 37.Rb7 Bxb4? 2.21/21
[37...Nxb4± 0.44/19 38.Rxe7 *(38.Rxb6 Rxd3 39.Rxb4 Bxb4=)* 38...Nxd3]
38.Rxf7? 0.50/19
[38.Nxb4+- 2.21/21 Nxb4 39.Rxb6 *(39.Rxf7 Nd3±)*]
38...Bc5 1.15/22
[38...Be7!± 0.50/19]
39.Kg2 0.43/21
[39.Rd7± 1.15/22 Nf6 40.Nxc5 bxc5 41.Bd3+ Kg8 42.Bc4+ Kh7 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 44.Bxb3]
39...Nf6 1.39/23
[Better is 39...Rc3± 0.43/21]

(Diagram)



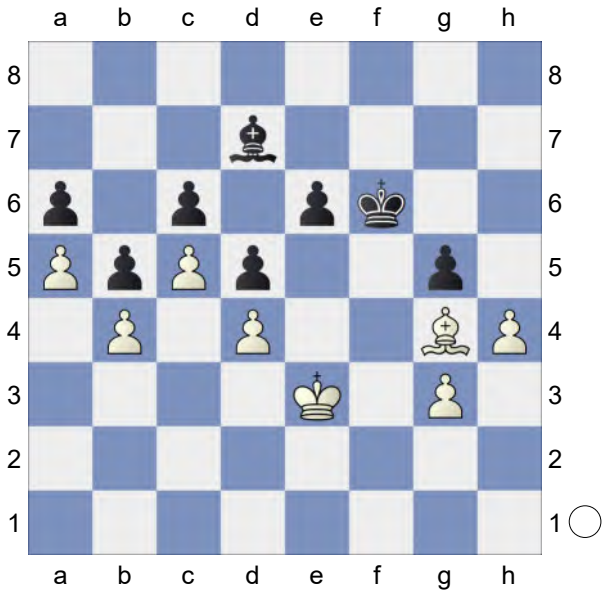
40.Rb7 0.43/18
[White should try 40.Ne5!± 1.39/23 Rb2 41.Bd3+ Kg8 42.Bc4 Rxf2+ 43.Kh3]
40...Rc3 41.Ne5 And now Bd3+ would win. **41...Kg8?** 6.25/23
[41...Bd6± 0.44/21]
42.Bc4+ Kh7 6.54/23
[⌓42...Kf8 4.50/22 43.Rf7+ Kg8 44.Rc7+ *(44.Rxf6+ Rxc4±)* 44...Kf8]
43.Bd3++- Kg8 44.Bg6 Kf8 45.Nc6 Bd6 Prevents Rb8+ **46.Rxb6** 0.10/21
[46.Nd4+- 5.70/22]
46...Bc7? 7.69/19
[46...Nd5= 0.10/21 47.Rb5 Ne3+ *(47...Nf4+ 48.gxf4 Rxc6 49.f5=)* 48.fxe3 Rxc6]
47.Ra6 Threatening mate with Ra8+.
47...Ne8 48.Nd4 4.21/20
[⌓48.Ra8 #4/10 Bb8 49.Rxb8 *(49.Nxb8 Nc7+-)* 49...Re3 50.fxe3 Kg8 51.Rxe8#]
48...Ke7 9.36/22
[⌓48...Nd6 4.21/20 49.Ne6+ Deflection Ke7]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.88

49.Nf5+
1-0

174 **E10**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2584**
■ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2625**
Abu Dhabi Online Final blitz (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 c6 9.b4
[9.Rc1 a5 10.a3 b6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bf4 Ba6 13.Nc3 Rc8 14.Qa4 Rc4 15.Qd1 b5 16.e3 Qb6 17.Bf1 Rc6 18.a4 b4 19.Nb5 Rfc8 20.Rxc6 Rxc6 21.Rc1 Ne8 22.h4 h6 23.h5 Bb7 1-0 (59) Carlsen,M (2830)-Firouzja,A (2738) Chess.com Classic Div 1 W 2024 (4.3)]
9...Ne4 10.Be1 f5 0.49/16
[10...b6= -0.01/17]
11.a4N White is slightly better.
[11.e3 Bd6 12.a4 Qe7 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Na3 g5 15.Nc2 g4 16.Nh4 a6 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Nxa1 Ndf6 20.c5 Bc7 21.b6 Bb8 22.Qa2 Bd7 23.Nb3 Rg8 24.Bb4 Nh5 25.Bxe4 dxe4 1-0 (34) Ilincic,Z (2545)-Payen,A (2398) 101/411 Budapest 2007]
[11.b5 cxb5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Qb3 Nb6 14.Qxb5 Qd6 15.Ne5 Be6 16.f3 Nf6 17.a4 Nc4 *(17...Rfc8 18.Nc3 Nfd7 19.f4 a6 20.Qd3 Nf6 21.Rb1 Rab8 22.g4 g6 23.gxf5 Bxf5 24.Rxb6 Qxb6 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kg7 27.e4 Rd8 28.a5 Qf6 29.Ba2 Bc5 30.Bf2 Rxd4 31.Qc3 Rxe4 32.Bxc5* 1-0 (40) Rossmann,E (2451)-Wright,I (2476) 88th ch-2017*)* 18.Nxc4 dxc4 19.Bf2 a6 20.Qb2 Qb4 21.Qc2 Qb3 22.Qxb3 cxb3 23.Nd2 Rac8 24.Rab1 Rc3 E 01/14 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
11...a6 12.a5 Nd6 13.Na3 Bf6 14.Bc3 Ne4 15.Bb2 0.13/20
[15.Nb1⩲ 0.57/16]
15...Qe7 0.49/18
[15...Be7= 0.13/20]
16.Qb3 g5 17.Rfd1 0.06/17
[17.Rad1⩲ 0.52/17]
17...g4 0.83/17
[17...Qg7= 0.06/17]
18.Nd2 0.09/18
[18.Ne5!± 0.83/17]
18...Qf7 0.55/19
[18...Nd6= 0.09/18]
19.Nc2 Bg5 0.72/20
[19...Nd6= 0.22/17 keeps the balance.]
20.Nxe4± fxe4 21.Rf1 b5 1.90/21
[21...Nf6⩲ 0.51/19]
22.c5 0.46/20
[22.cxb5+- 1.90/21 cxb5 23.Bc1]
22...Nf6 1.41/21
[22...Qg6⩲ 0.46/20]
23.f3 0.90/21
[⌓23.Bc1 1.41/21 Bxc1 24.Raxc1]
23...exf3 24.exf3 gxf3 25.Bxf3 0.55/21
[25.Qxf3± 1.39/21 Strongly threatening Bc1. Qg6 26.Bc1]
25...Bd7 1.05/22
[25...Qg6⩲ 0.55/21]
26.Bc1 Qg6 2.16/21
[26...Ne4⩲ 0.68/19]
27.Bxg5!+- Qxg5 28.Rae1 Rae8 3.12/21
[28...Qg6 1.72/20 keeps fighting. 29.Ne3 Ne4]
29.Re5 Qh6 3.45/23
[⌓29...Qd2 2.46/20 30.Ne3 Qxd4 31.Rg5+ Kh8]

30.Qe3 Qxe3+ 31.Nxe3
[31.Rxe3 Re7±]
31...h6 32.Ng4 Kg7 33.Nxf6 Rxf6 34.Bg4 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Endgame KRB-KRB **35...Kf6 36.Kf2 Rg8 37.Kf3** 1.14/22
[37.Bh5+- 2.23/24]
37...Rg5± 38.Rxg5 0.01/22
[White should try 38.Re2+- 2.06/23]
38...hxg5+- KB-KB **39.h4 Kg6** Against Bh5+ **40.Ke3 Kf6?** 8.14/27
[40...Bc8= 0.01/34]



41.Bh3? 0.01/36
[41.Bh5!+- 8.14/27 gxh4 42.gxh4]
41...Kg6 42.Bf1 Kf6 43.Bd3 Be8 44.Bc2 Bf7 45.Bd1 Bg6 46.Bg4 Bf5? 12.16/24
[46...Bf7= 0.01/21]

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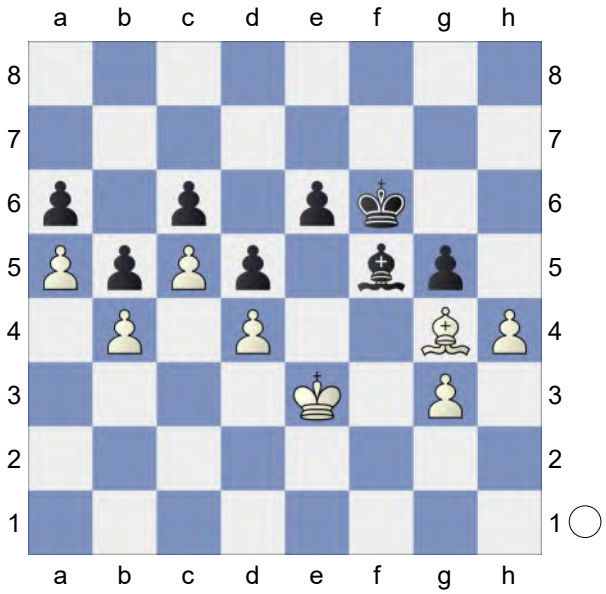


47.Be2? 0.01/17
[47.Bh5!+- 12.16/24 gxh4 48.gxh4]
47...Bg6!= 48.Bf1 Bf7 49.Bd3 Be8 50.Bf1 Bf7 51.Bh3 Bg8 52.Kf3 Bf7! 53.Ke3 Bg8 54.Bg4 Bf7 Prevents Bh5 **55.Be2 Kg6 56.Kf3 Kf6** 0.50/28
[56...Kh6= 0.01/36 feels stronger.]
57.Ke3 -0.01/57
[57.Kg4± 0.50/28 gxh4 58.gxh4]
57...Be8 58.Bd3 Bf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.53
59.Be2
½-½

177 **E06**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2580**
■ **Caruana,F** **2777**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Late blitz (8) 24.6.25
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qd3 b6N
[6...c5 7.0-0 Na6 *(7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.cxd5 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Nxd5 11.Rd1 Bf6 12.Qg4 Bd7 13.Nd2*

Qe7 14.Nf3 Rac8 15.e4 e5 16.Qh5 Nb4 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 h6 19.Nf3 Nc6 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.Bh3 f5 22.exf5 0-1 (42) Firouzja,A (2793)-Caruana,F (2783) E Candidates 2022 (6.2) *)* 8.cxd5 Nb4 9.Qb3 Qxd5 10.dxc5 Qxb3 11.axb3 Bxc5 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Ne5 Ne8 14.Be3 a6 15.Rfc1 Nf6 16.Nc4 Bd7 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Bxa6 Nxa6 19.Rxa6 Rxb3 20.Ra7 Re8 21.Ne5 1-0 (79) Gelfand,B (2663)-Niemann,H (2645) World Rapid 2021 (6.8)]

[6...dxc4 7.Qxc4 c6 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.0-0 a6 10.Rd1 Nd5 11.Bd2 N7b6 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.e4 Nb4 14.Qb3 a5 15.a3 a4 16.Qc3 Na6 17.Be3 Rc8 18.Qc2 c5 19.d5 exd5 20.exd5 Bd6 21.Nc3 1-0 (40) Eloranta (2707)-5.Kf1 d5 6.Bd5 (2425) 102/(153) Plovdiv 2008 (8)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bb7 0.40/21

[8...c5= -0.07/20 9.dxc5 Ba6 10.Qc2 bxc5 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.a3 Rad8 15.Bg5 Rfe8 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.e3 d4 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Qc6 d3 21.Qxb6 axb6 22.Bf1 g6 23.Rd2 Kg7 1-0 (66) Lazavik,D (2578)-Dudin,G (2516) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (3)]

9.Rd1⩲ Nd7 10.e4 -0.12/21

[10.a3!⩲ 0.51/18]

10...N5f6 0.84/18

[10...Nb4= -0.12/21 11.Qe2 Re8]

11.Nc3± h6 12.Bf4 a6 1.12/18

[⌓12...Bb4 0.72/18]

13.a4 0.71/19 White is more active.

[⌓13.Qe2 1.12/18]

13...Re8 14.Qc2 0.31/19

[14.Nd2± 0.76/18]

14...Rc8 0.89/18

[Black should play 14...c5⩲ 0.31/19]

15.d5 exd5 2.33/18

[15...Bc5⩲ 0.61/20]

16.e5+-

[16.Nxd5 Bd6=]

16...Nh5 17.Be3 c6 18.g4 Bc5 2.38/20

[18...Bf8± 1.44/19]

19.gxh5 0.99/20

[19.Bxc5+- 2.38/20 bxc5 20.gxh5 Nxe5 21.Qf5 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3]

19...Nxe5? 3.28/23

[19...Bxe3± 0.99/20 20.fxe3 Nxe5]

20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Re1 1.42/23

[21.Ne4+- 3.27/21]

21...Nxf3+± 22.Bxf3 Qf6 23.Bg2 1.15/21

[23.Bg4+- 1.81/21]

23...c4? 3.06/22

[23...Rcd8± 1.15/21]

24.a5 1.24/22

[24.b3!+- 3.06/22 and the rest is easy.]

24...Rcd8 25.Na4 0.47/21

[25.b3!± 1.49/22]

25...Bc8⩲ 26.Qc3 Qg5 27.Qg3 Qd2 28.Qc3 -0.01/19

[28.Rec1!± 0.78/21]

28...Qg5= 29.Nb6! Bf5 30.Qg3 -0.01/19

[30.Re3!± 0.78/21 Qxh5 31.Rg3]

30...Qd2 31.Qc3 Qg5 32.Kh1 0.18/20

[32.Re3!± 0.91/20 d4 33.Rxe8+ *(33.Qxc4? dxe3 34.Kh1 exf2-+)* 33...Rxe8 34.Qg3 *(34.Qxc4 Be4=; 34.Qxd4? Bh3)*]

32...Bd3 0.83/21

[32...Qxh5= 0.18/20 keeps the balance. 33.Re5 f6 34.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

33.Rxe8+ 0.17/20

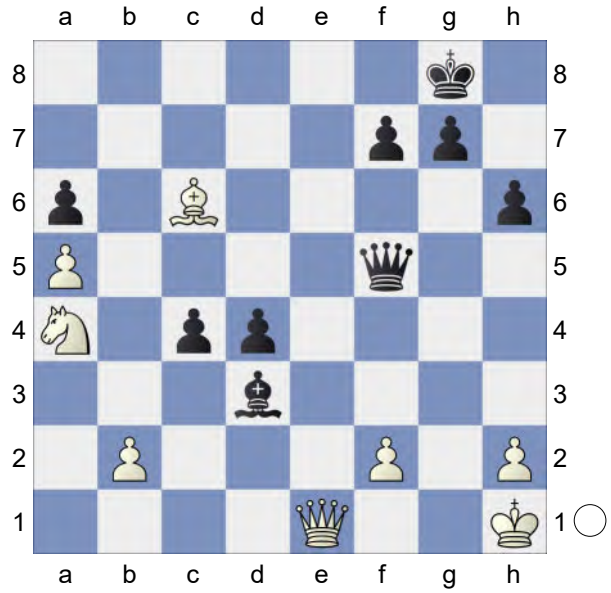
[33.Qd4!± 0.83/21]

33...Rxe8 34.Re1 0.01/21

[34.Rg1!⩲ 0.43/23 Qe5 35.Qxe5 Rxe5 36.Nd7]

34...Rxe1+! 35.Qxe1 Qxh5 36.Na4

0.01/21
[36.h3!± 0.46/23 deserves consideration.]
36...d4? 2.92/24
[36...Bf5= 0.01/21]
37.Bxc6? -0.01/22
[37.Qe8++- 2.92/24 Kh7 38.Be4+ *(38.Qxc6? Qd1+)* 38...Bxe4+ 39.Qxe4+ Kg8 40.Qxd4 *(40.Qxc6 Qd1+ 41.Kg2 Qg4+ 42.Kf1 Qd1+ 43.Kg2 Qg4+ 44.Kf1 Qd1+ 45.Kg2=)*]
37...Qf5? 1.60/24
[37...Be2= -0.01/22]



38.Nb6!± Kh7? 3.06/21
[38...Kh8± 1.30/21]
39.Nd7+- h5? 3.46/22
[39...Qh3± 0.89/17]
40.Ne5 Bc2 5.24/18
[40...Qe6± 1.38/20]
41.Nxc4 g6 42.Nd2 Qxa5 43.Bf3 1.59/20
[43.Nf3+- 3.70/19 Qc5 44.Qe8]
43...Qb4 3.29/22
[43...Bf5± 1.59/20 44.Bg2 d3]
44.Kg2 1.35/21
[44.Qc1+- 3.29/22 has better winning chances. Bf5 45.Ne4]
44...Qxb2 2.45/24
[44...Bf5± 1.35/21]
45.Qe7 Qa2 46.Ne4 Bxe4 47.Bxe4 0.59/23
[47.Qxe4+- 1.84/24 Qd2 48.Qe5 *(48.Bxh5 Qg5+ 49.Qg4 Qxh5∓)*]
47...Kg7? 3.48/23
[47...Qe6± 0.59/23 48.Qxe6 fxe6]
48.Qe5+ Kh7 4.50/25
[48...f6 3.16/23 49.Qxd4 Qe6]
49.Qxd4 Qe6 50.Bd5 Qd7 3.18/25
[50...Qf5 2.05/23 was worth a try. 51.h3 f6]
51.Qe5 1.84/23
[⌓51.h3 3.18/25]
51...Kg8 3.29/24
[⌓51...a5 1.84/23 52.Qe4 Kg7]
52.h3 a5 53.Qb8+ Kg7 54.Qb7? 0.01/23
[54.Qb2++- 2.70/22 Kg8 55.Qb8+ Kg7 56.Qe5+ Kg8 57.Qe4]
54...Qxb7= 55.Bxb7 Endgame **55...a4 56.Bd5 a3 57.Ba2 g5 58.Kf3 f5 59.Ke3 Kf6 60.Kd4 h4 61.Ke3**
[61.f3 g4 62.fxg4 *(62.hxg4? h3-+)* 62...fxg4 63.hxg4 Kg5]
61...Ke5? 1.91/27
[61...g4= -0.01/29 62.hxg4 fxg4]

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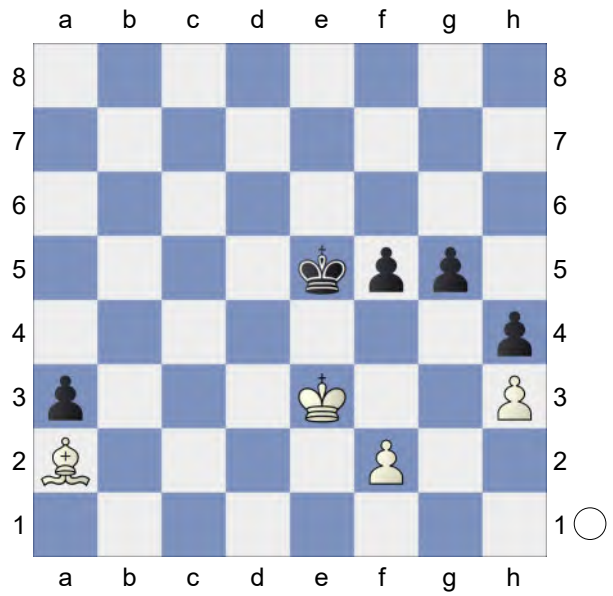
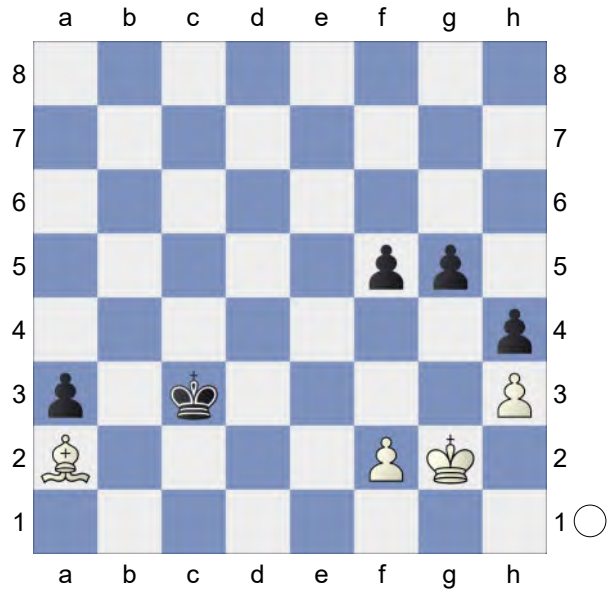


62.Kf3? 0.01/27
[White must play 62.f4+!+- 1.91/27 Kf6 *(62...gxf4+? 63.Kf3+-)* 63.fxg5+ Kxg5 64.Bb3]
62...Kd4 63.Kg2 Kc3 0.39/29
[63...Ke4= 0.01/26]



64.f4!± gxf4
[64...Kb2 65.Be6]
65.Kf3
[65.Be6!? Kb2□ 66.Kf3=]
65...Kd4? 2.02/27
[65...Kb2= 0.14/26 66.Bg8 *(66.Bf7 a2=)* 66...a2 67.Bxa2 *(67.Kxf4? a1Q-+)* 67...Kxa2]
66.Kxf4+- KB-K3P **66...Kc5 67.Kg5 Kd6 68.Kxh4?** 0.01/24 KB-KPP
[68.Kxf5+- 1.92/26 Hoping for Kg4. Ke7 69.Kg5]
68...Ke7? 1.83/26
[68...Ke5!= 0.01/24 and Black has nothing to worry.]
69.Kg5 f4 70.Kxf4 Kg5 would kill now. KB-KP **70...Kf6 71.Kg4 Kg7 72.Kg5** 1.35/24
[72.Kg3+- 1.75/22]
72...Kh8 73.h4 0.88/22
[Better is 73.Bb1+- 1.65/22]
73...Kg7 1.78/26
[73...Kh7± 0.88/22 74.Bb1+ Kg7]
74.h5? 0.01/36
[74.Bb1+- 1.78/26]
74...Kh8= The position is equal. **75.Bb1** With the idea Kf6. **75...Kg7 76.h6+ Kh8 77.Kg6 a2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.67
78.Bxa2
½-½

176 **E10**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2580**
■ **Gukesh,D** **2776**
Titled Tue 29th Jul Early blitz (9) 29.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.b4
[9.Rc1 a5 10.a3 b6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bf4 Ba6 13.Nc3 Rc8 14.Qa4 Rc4 15.Qd1 b5 16.e3 Qb6 17.Bf1 Rc6 18.a4 b4 19.Nb5 Rfc8 20.Rxc6 Rxc6 21.Rc1 Ne8 22.h4 h6 23.h5

Bb7 1-0 (59) Carlsen,M (2830)-Firouzja,A (2738) Chess.com Classic Div 1 W 2024 (4.3)]

9...Ne4 10.Be1 f5 0.53/17

[10...b6= -0.05/18]

11.a4N White is slightly better.

[11.e3 Bd6 12.a4 Qe7 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Na3 g5 15.Nc2 g4 16.Nh4 a6 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Nxa1 Ndf6 20.c5 Bc7 21.b6 Bb8 22.Qa2 Bd7 23.Nb3 Rg8 24.Bb4 Nh5 25.Bxe4 dxe4 1-0 (34) Ilincic,Z (2545)-Payen,A (2398) 101/411 Budapest 2007]

[11.b5 cxb5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Qb3 Nb6 14.Qxb5 Qd6 15.Ne5 Be6 16.f3 Nf6 17.a4 Nc4 *(17...Rfc8 18.Nc3 Nfd7 19.f4 a6 20.Qd3 Nf6 21.Rb1 Rab8 22.g4 g6 23.gxf5 Bxf5 24.Rxb6 Qxb6 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kg7 27.e4 Rd8 28.a5 Qf6 29.Ba2 Bc5 30.Bf2 Rxd4 31.Qc3 Rxe4 32.Bxc5* 1-0 (40) Rossmann,E (2451)-Wright,I (2476) 88th ch-2017*)* 18.Nxc4 dxc4 19.Bf2 a6 20.Qb2 Qb4 21.Qc2 Qb3 22.Qxb3 cxb3 23.Nd2 Rac8 24.Rab1 Rc3 E 01/14 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]

11...Bf6 12.a5 a6 13.e3 0.15/18

[13.Bc3± 0.56/17]

13...g5= 14.Nc3 g4

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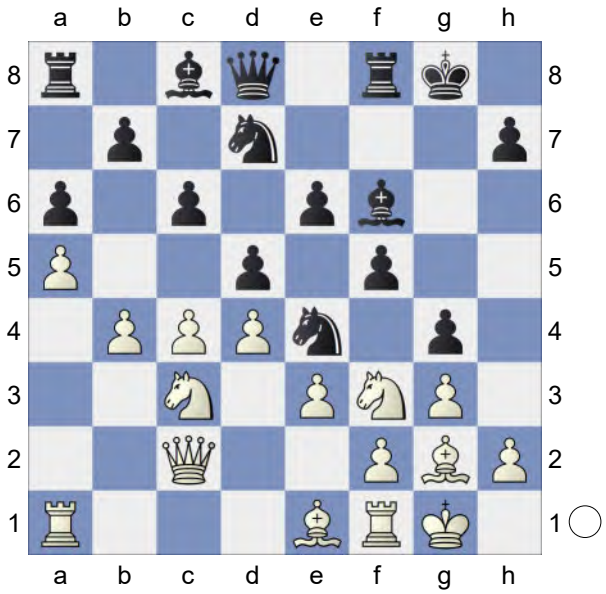


15.Nd2 h5 0.73/17

[15...Nxc3= 0.17/16 16.Qxc3 Bg7]

16.Ne2 0.26/17

[16.Ndxe4± 0.73/17 dxe4 17.b5]

16...Rf7 1.07/18

[16...Be7= 0.26/17 keeps the balance.]

17.Nf4± Nf8 1.27/17

[17...Ng5!± 0.60/17]

18.Nxh5 Bg5 19.Nf4 Rh7 20.f3 Nf6 1.97/18

[20...Bxf4± 1.31/17 21.exf4 gxf3]

21.Bf2 1.37/18

[Better is 21.Ra3+- 1.97/18]

21...Qe7 1.77/18

[21...Bd7± 1.37/18 22.fxg4 Nxg4]

22.fxg4+- Nxg4 23.Nf3 Bf6 24.h3 Nxf2 2.26/18

[24...Nh6 1.71/18 25.Qb2 Nf7]

25.Qxf2 Bd7 26.g4 1.29/19

[26.Rfc1+- 1.85/16]

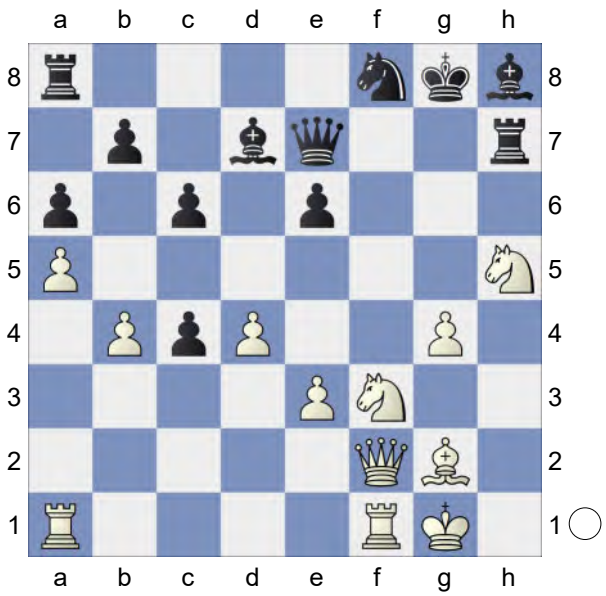
26...fxg4 2.37/18

[26...dxc4± 1.29/19 27.Nh5 Ng6]

27.hxg4 dxc4 28.Nh5 Excellent horsemanship. **28...Bh8** 4.27/19

[28...Ng6 2.11/19 29.Qe2 c3]

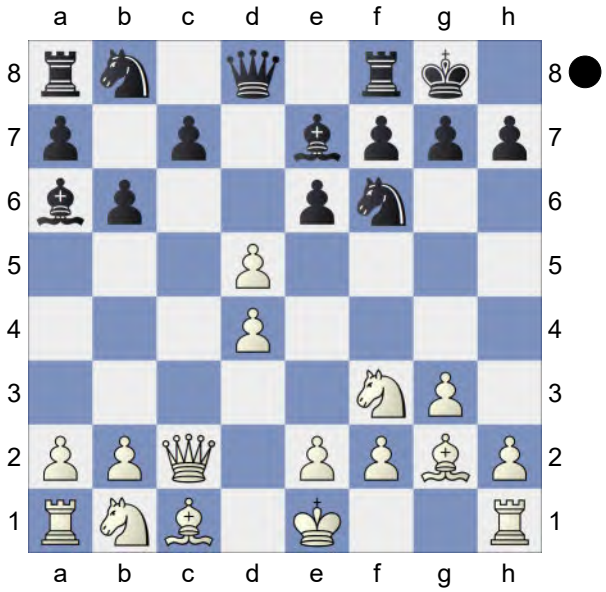
(Diagram)



29.Ne5! **Be8** and ...Bxe5 would now be decisive **30.Be4**
[30.Nxc4 Bxh5 31.gxh5 Rxh5±]
30...Rh6 31.Qf4
[31.Nxc4 Bxh5 32.gxh5 Rxh5±]
31...Bg7 32.Nxg7
[32.Nxc4 Bxh5 33.gxh5 Rxh5±]
32...Qxg7 33.Nxc4 Ng6? 4.61/21
[33...Nd7 2.69/18 34.Nd6 Bg6]
34.Qg5 Rh3 35.Bg2 Rh7 36.Nd6 Nh4 37.Qxg7+ Rxg7 Black is weak on the dark squares **38.Bh3** and Rf6 should not be overlooked **38...Bh5?** 5.05/21
[38...Rd8 2.47/20]
39.Ne4 Kh8? 5.60/21
[39...Bg6 3.31/19 was necessary.]
40.Nf6 Bg6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.68
41.Kh2
1-0

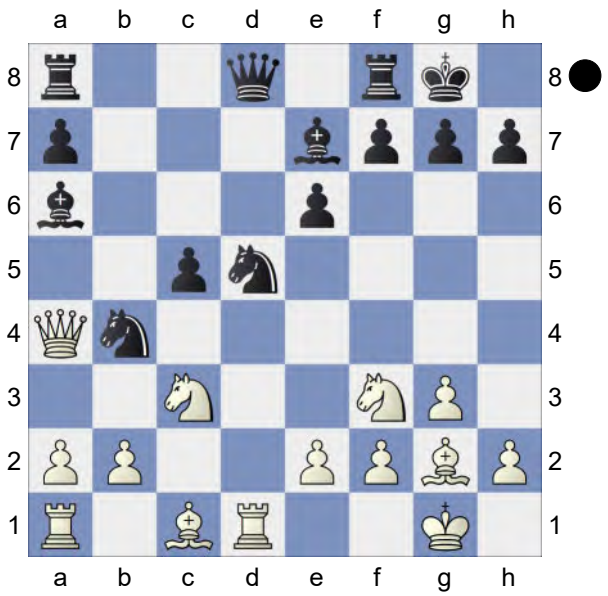
180 **E06**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2577**
■ **Eljanov,P** **2668**
Titled Tue 1st Apr Late blitz (5) 01.04.25
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qd3 b6 7.cxd5 Ba6 8.Qc2



Nxd5 9.0-0 c5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Nc3 Nc6 Inhibits Ne5. **12.Rd1 Ncb4N**
[12...Qb6 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.a3 Rad8 15.Bg5 Rfe8 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.e3 d4 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Qc6 d3 21.Qxb6 axb6 22.Bf1 g6 23.Rd2 Kg7 24.Rc1 Rde8 25.Rdd1 Rd8 26.Rd2 Rde8 27.f3 1-0 (66) Lazavik,D (2578)-Dudin,G (2516) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (3)]
13.Qa4

(Diagram)



Qe8 14.Qxe8 Rfxe8 15.Nxd5 -0.60/26
[White should play 15.Bf1= 0.01/24]
15...Nxd5 0.13/22
[Black should try 15...exd5∓ -0.60/26 16.e3 Rab8]
16.e3 -0.30/24
[⌓16.Bf1 0.13/22]
16...Bf6 17.Nd2 -0.49/25
[17.e4= -0.01/24 Nb4 18.e5]
17...Rab8∓ next ...Rec8 is good for Black. **18.Ne4** -0.65/23
[18.Bf1!= -0.23/23 Bxf1 *(18...Bxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxf1 20.Be5±)* 19.Kxf1]
18...Bxb2 -0.03/25
[18...Be7!∓ -0.65/23]
19.Bxb2= Rxb2 20.Nxc5 Bc4 21.Bf1 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Rc8 23.Rdc1 h5 24.a3 Nf6 25.h3 Rd8 26.Na4 Rb3 27.Rc3 Rb5 28.Rc5 -0.41/20
[28.Rac1= -0.04/19]
28...Rb3 0.01/22
[28...Rxc5∓ -0.41/20 29.Nxc5 Rc8]
29.Rc3 Rd3 30.Rxd3 Rxd3 Endgame KRN-KRN **31.Ke2 Rb3 32.Nc5** Wards off Ne4 **32...Rb2+** -0.07/23
[32...Rc3∓ -0.47/22 33.Nd3 h4 34.gxh4 Ne4]
33.Kf3 g5 34.g4! hxg4+ 35.hxg4 Kg7 36.Rc1 Ra2 37.Rc3 Nd5 38.Rb3 Kg6 39.Nd3 f6 40.Nc5 f5! 41.Nxe6 gxf5+ would now be deadly. **41...fxg4+ 42.Kg2**
[But not 42.Kxg4 Rxf2 43.Kg3 Rf1∓]
42...Nf6 43.Nc5 Rc2 44.Na4 -0.38/23
[44.Nd3!= 0.01/23 deserves consideration.]
44...Ne4
[44...g3!? 45.Kxg3 Ne4+ 46.Kg4 Nxf2+ 47.Kf3 Kh5∓]
45.Rb2 The position is equal. **45...Rc4 46.Rb4 Rxb4 47.axb4** KN-KN **47...Kf5 48.Nb2 Ke5 49.Nc4+ Kd5 50.Na5 a6 51.Kg1 Nc3 52.Kg2 Ne4 53.Kg1 Nc3** Threatens to win with ...Na2. **54.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
54...Ne4
½-½

179 **E10**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2577**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2636**
Titled Tue 13th May Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
E11: Bogo-Indian Recently a few GMs have been playing a Stonewall setup in the Closed Catalan, playing an early ... Ne4, and I figured it was worth a good look! **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Ne4**
[8...h6 9.Bf4 Nbd7 10.Rd1 a5 11.h4 Ng4 12.e4 dxc4 13.Nbd2 b5 14.b3 e5 15.Nxe5 Ndxe5 16.Bxe5 f6 17.Bf4 Qxd4 18.Nf3 Qb6 19.Bd6 Bxd6 20.Rxd6 c3 21.a3 Ra7 22.Rad1 b4 23.Nd4 0-1 (31) Persse,

D (2733)-Lunacek,J (2707) (Game 4) Amsterdam 1921 (6.1)]
[8...a5 9.Rd1 b5 10.c5 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Bc1 f5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 g5 15.Nd2 Qc7 16.Nf3 g4 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.Bf4 Nxf4 19.gxf4 b4 20.a4 bxa3 21.Rxa3 Rfb8 22.h3 Qa7 23.Rc3 0-1 (43) Xiong,J (2658)-Fedoseev,V (2703) WchT 11th Khanty Mansiysk 2017 (9.4)]

9.Be3
[9.Rd1 Nd7 10.b3 b6 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.h4 c5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Nbd2 Rc8 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ng5 cxd4 17.Qd2 Nf6 18.Be5 e3 19.fxe3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 dxe3 21.Qxe3 Qe8 22.Qd3 Qc6+ 23.Kh3 Rfd8 0-1 (79) Atwell,R (2185)-Yu,J (2267) USA-ch (Women) 2024 (5)]

9...Nd7N
[9...Nd6 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.Bf4 f5 12.b4 a6 13.a4 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Nb6 16.Qb3 Qd5 17.Qb2 Qd8 18.Ne5 Nd5 19.Bd2 E 01/14 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]

10.Nc3 f5 White has an edge. **11.Nxe4** -0.14/18
[11.Rad1± 0.46/16]

11...fxe4 0.53/17
[11...dxe4= -0.14/18 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qc7]

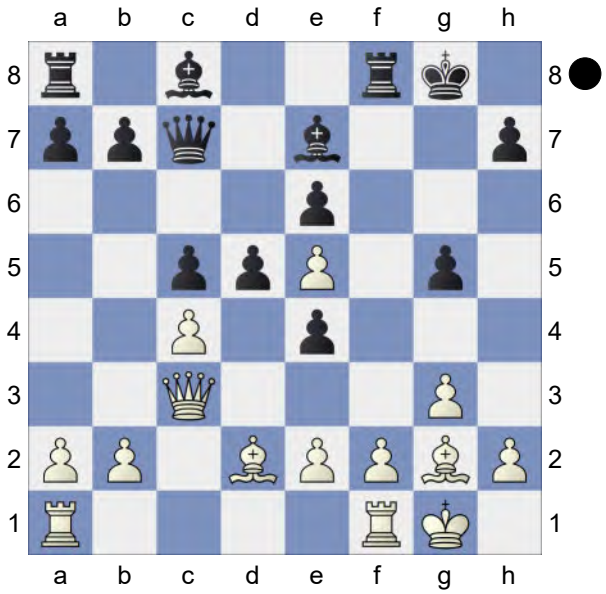
12.Ne5 -0.06/18
[12.Nd2± 0.53/17]

12...Nxe5= 13.dxe5 Qc7! 14.Qc3 c5! 15.Bf4 -0.60/18
[15.Qb3= 0.06/21]

15...g5
[15...b5!? 16.cxb5 a6=]

16.Bd2

(Diagram)



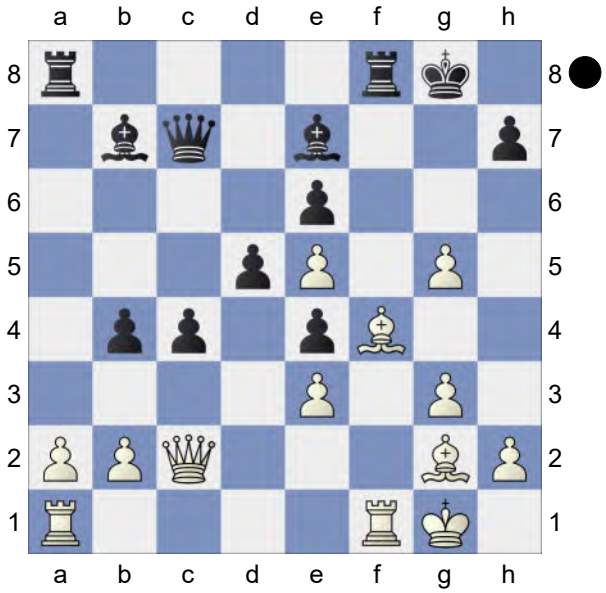
b5 0.13/18 **17.cxb5 a6! 18.f4?** -1.62/17
[18.a4= 0.11/20]

18...axb5-+ 19.fxg5 -1.96/19
[19.a3∓ -1.17/18 was necessary.]

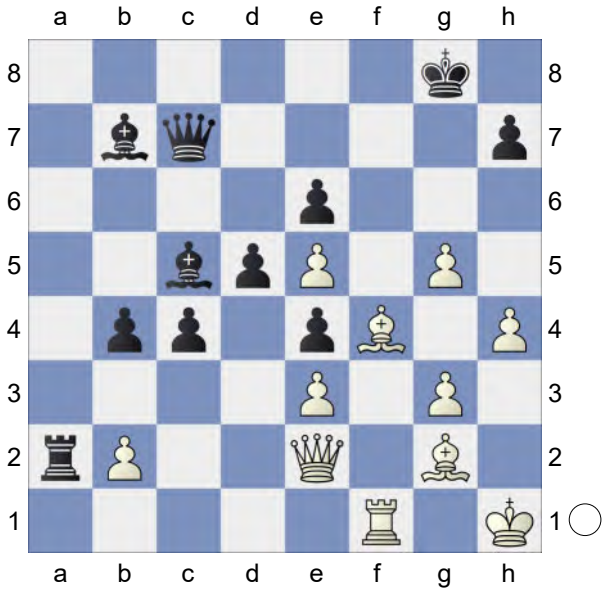
19...Bb7 -0.54/19
[Black should play 19...b4-+ -1.96/19 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8]

20.Bf4!∓ b4 -0.49/19
[20...d4∓ -0.99/20 21.Qc2 Qc6]

21.Qc2 c4 Black has strong compensation. **22.e3** -0.91/18
[White should try 22.h4!∓ -0.31/18]



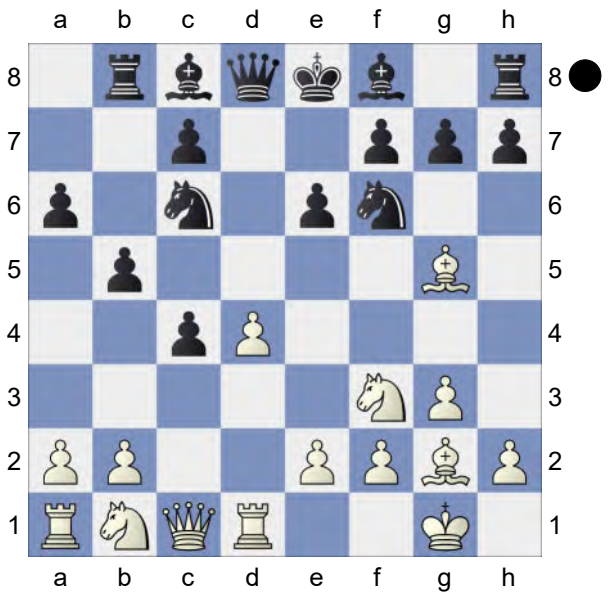
22...Bc5!∓ 23.Kh1 Ra6 0.01/18
[23...Ba6∓ -0.72/16 White must now prevent ...c3!. 24.Qc1 Bb6]
24.Qe2 -0.41/18
[24.h4= 0.01/18 was preferable.]
24...Rfa8 0.60/19
[24...c3!∓ -0.41/18]
25.h4 0.13/19
[25.Qg4!± 0.60/19]
25...Rxa2? 2.12/23
[25...b3= 0.13/19]
26.Rxa2+- Rxa2



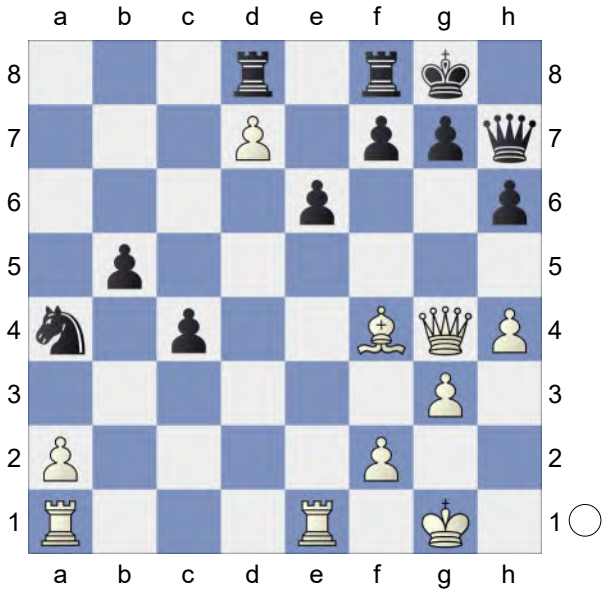
27.g6! hxg6 28.Qg4! Kh7 11.29/20 Inhibits Bh6.
[28...Rxb2? perishes. 29.Bh6+- *(29.Qxg6+ Qg7+-)*]
[28...Qh7 1.85/23]
29.h5 Qg7 30.Bg5 White threatens hxg6+ and mate. **30...Ra8 31.hxg6+** White mates. **31...Qxg6 32.Rf6 Rg8** White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=1.00
33.Qh4+
1-0

178 **E04**
□ **Lazavik,Denis** **2577**
■ **Nakamura,Hi** **2804**
Titled Tue 1st Apr Late blitz (10) 1.4.25
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bg5 White has compensation. **7...Rb8** 0.48/22
[7...Be7= 0.10/19 8.e3 0-0 9.Qe2 Na5 10.Nfd2 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nxc4 Nxc4 13.Qxc4 e5 14.d5 Be7 15.Nc3 Bd6 16.e4 Qe7 ½-½ Vorobiov,E (2381)-Bukreev,S (2321) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2025 (6)]
8.Qc1N
[8.e3 b5 9.a4 *(9.Nfd2 Na5 10.b3 Bb7 11.Bxb7 Rxb7 12.bxc4 c5 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nb3 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Be7 16.Nc3 b4 17.Qa4+ Rd7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Ncb5 Be7 20.a3 bxa3 21.Nxa3 0-0 22.Rfd1 Bxa3 23.Rxa3 Nb7* Witte,V (2576)-Moskvichev,V (2638) Chapter 2 Game 5 *)* 9...Be7 10.axb5 axb5 11.b3 cxb3 12.Qxb3 0-0 13.Rc1 Bb7 14.Qxb5 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxg2 16.Qc4 Bd5 Iskusnyh,S (2480)-Ghaem Maghami,E (2585) Pardubice (rapid) 109/(329) 2010]
[8.Nbd2 Nxd4 9.Nxc4 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 Nd5 12.e4 f6 13.exd5 fxg5 14.Rac1 exd5 15.Rxd5 Bb4 16.Re5+ Kf7 17.a3 Be7 18.Bd5+ Kf6 19.Rce1 Re8 20.Re6+ Bxe6 21.Rxe6+ Kf7 22.Ne5+ 1-0 Buhmann,R (2582)-Khenkin,I (2620) 17th Open A Vienna AUT 2011 (7.2)]
8...b5 9.Rd1
(Diagram)



White is slightly better. **9...Be7 10.Ne5** -0.31/19
[10.b3!± 0.61/19]
10...Nxe5!∓ 11.dxe5 -0.55/23
[11.Bxf6= -0.17/23 Nf3+ *(11...gxf6 12.dxe5 Bd7 13.Bc6±)* 12.Bxf3 Bxf6 13.Bc6+ Bd7 14.Bg2]
11...Nd7! 12.Bf4 Bb7 -0.14/20
[12...0-0!∓ -0.57/23]
13.Bxb7= Rxb7 14.b3 c5 15.bxc4 Qc7 16.Nc3 0-0
[16...Nxe5?! 17.Qa3 Nxc4 *(17...bxc4? 18.Qxa6 Bf6 19.Nb5+-)* 18.Qxa6±]
17.Ne4 Qc6
[17...Nxe5 18.Qc3 f6 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Qxe5 fxe5 21.Rd3 b4]
18.Qc2 -0.63/21
[18.Nd6= -0.10/20]
18...h6 -0.27/21
[18...Nb6∓ -0.63/21 19.cxb5 axb5]
19.Nd6 Rbb8 20.h4 Nb6
[20...Rfd8 is more complex. 21.h5 Nb6 22.a4 bxc4]
21.cxb5 axb5 22.e4 -1.55/19
[22.Be3= -0.28/21]
22...c4 -1.03/19
[⌓22...Rfd8 -1.55/19 23.Rac1 c4]
23.Qe2 -1.90/18
[23.Be3∓ -1.03/19]
23...Na4-+ 24.Qg4 -1.97/19
[24.Rac1∓ -1.42/17]
24...Bxd6? -0.36/18
[24...Kh7-+ -1.97/19 White must now prevent ...Nb2. 25.Rac1 c3]
25.exd6∓ Qxe4 -0.01/21
[25...Kh7!∓ -0.69/19]
26.d7= Rbd8! 27.Re1 -1.47/23
[27.f3= -0.04/23 Qc6 28.Bxh6 Qc5+ 29.Kh1]
27...Qh7? 1.47/24
[27...Qg6∓ -1.47/23 stays on course. 28.Qxg6 fxg6 29.Rxe6 Rxd7 30.Rxg6 Re8]



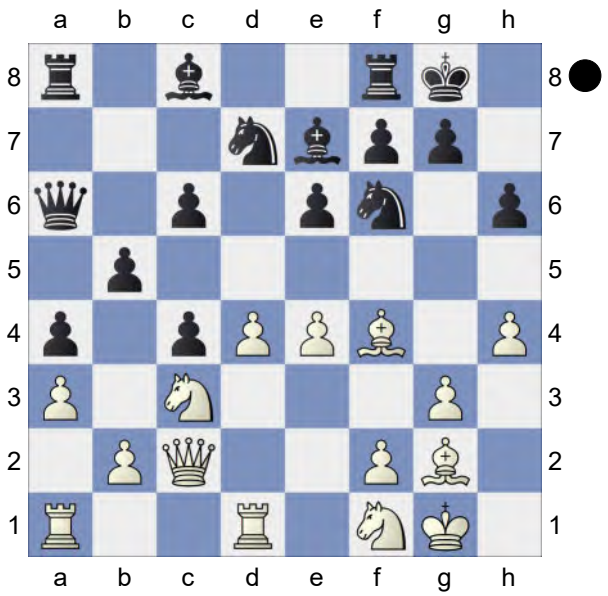
28.Rad1? -0.13/23 White is much more active.
[Only move: 28.Bd6!± 1.47/24]
28...Nb2!↑ Black fights for an advantage.
29.Rd4 Bc7 is the strong threat.
29...Nd3 30.Re3 -0.53/24
[30.Re2= -0.01/23]
30...Nxf4∓ 31.Qxf4 Qc2 0.05/23
[31...Qb1+∓ -0.84/25 32.Kh2 Qxa2]
32.Qc7 -0.84/21
[32.a3= 0.05/23 keeps the balance.]

32...Qxa2 -0.36/19
[32...Qb1+∓ -0.84/21 33.Kh2 Qxa2]
33.Kg2 -0.79/21
[33.Qc5∓ -0.36/19 is more appropriate.]
33...Qa8+∓ 34.Kg1? -12.41/18
[34.Kh2∓ -0.55/16]
34...Qb8? -0.20/18
[34...Qa1+-+ -12.41/18 35.Re1 Qxd4]
35.Qc6= b4 36.Rxc4
[36.Qxc4 simplifies Qb6 37.Qxb4 Qxb4 38.Rxb4 Rxd7 39.Reb3]
36...b3 37.Rc1 Qa7 38.Rd3 b2 39.Rb1 Rb8 40.Qc2 Qb7 41.Rd2 Rfd8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.41
42.Qd1 Loss on time!?
1-0

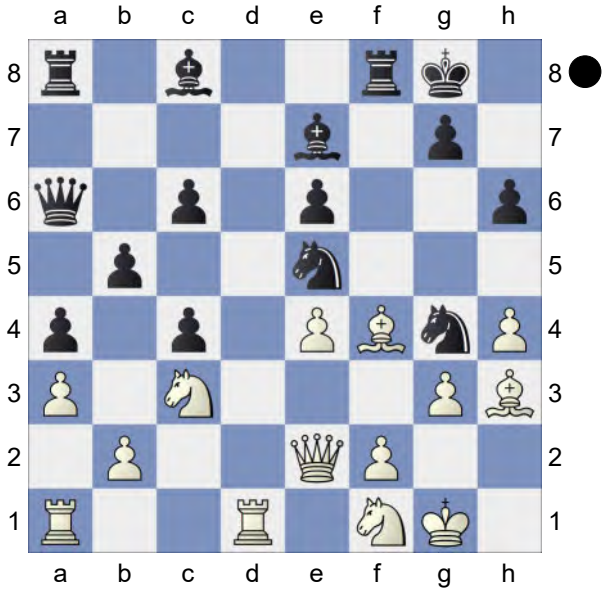
181 **E10**
□ **Dudin,Gleb** **2574**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2757**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool A blitz (10.1)
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.0-0 c6 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Bf4 a4
[10...Nh5 11.Bc1 b5 12.c5 f5 13.Nbd2 Bf6 14.b3 g5 15.Bb2 Qc7 16.Ne1 Bg7 17.Nd3 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Nf3 Bxb2 21.Qxb2 h6 22.h4 g4 23.Qe5 Ra7 24.Qxc7 Rxc7 25.Nd4 ½-½ Garv,G (2374)-Triapishko,A (2474) Moscow Ivi GP op 2025 (5)]
11.h4N
[11.Nc3 Qa5 12.e4 dxc4 13.Rad1 Re8 14.Rfe1 Nf8 15.Ne5 Qa6 16.h4 Ng6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Bg5 Bf8 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 b5 21.h5 gxh5 22.Qe2 g6 23.g4 h4 24.Bxh4 b4 25.Qf3 bxa3 1-0 (34) Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com (Int. -m/2-rapid) 145/128 2020 26.Nf6+ Nxf6 27.Bxf6 axb2 28.Qh3 Bg7 29.Be4 Qb5 30.g5 Qb3 31.Qh4 Bb7 32.Kg2 c5 33.d5 exd5 34.Rh1 1-0 Carlsen,M (2864)-Le,Q (2709) Oslo (m/3-rapid) 152/163 2022]
11...h6 12.Rd1 The position is equal.
12...Qa5 0.45/18
[12...Ne4= -0.03/17]
13.Nc3 -0.05/16
[13.Nbd2!± 0.45/18]
13...Qa6 0.71/17
[13...dxc4= -0.05/16 keeps the balance. 14.e4 b5]
14.Nd2 -0.44/20
[14.c5± 0.71/17]
14...dxc4∓ 15.e4? -2.29/20 Prevents Nd5.
[15.Na2!= -0.05/18]
15...b5? -0.41/19
[15...e5-+ -2.29/20 16.dxe5 *(16.Bxe5? Nxe5 17.dxe5 Ng4-+)* 16...Ng4]
16.Nf1 -1.86/20
[White should play 16.Nf3∓ -0.41/19]

(Diagram)

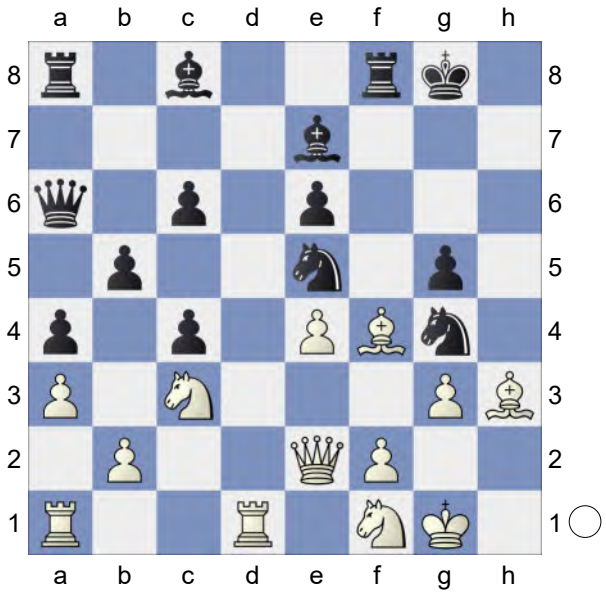


16...e5!-+ 17.dxe5 Ng4 18.e6 fxe6 -0.73/20
[18...Nde5-+ -1.79/19 is more deadly. 19.exf7+ Rxf7]
19.Bh3∓ Nde5 -0.04/19
[Black should play 19...Nge5!∓ -1.07/21 20.Rxd7 Nxd7]
20.Qe2 -2.23/19
[20.Bxg4!= -0.04/19 Nxg4 21.e5]



Wards off Nf3+ **20...g5?** 0.96/22
[20...h5 21.Bxg4 Nxg4 22.e5∓]
[20...Qa7!-+ -2.23/19 21.Bxg4 Nxg4]

21.hxg5± hxg5



22.Bxe5 -1.97/18
[22.Ne3!± 0.93/19 stays on course.]
Black continues to play with concentration. **22...Nxe5-+ 23.Nh2 Qa7 24.Kg2 Nd3↑** Black is really pushing.
[24...Bc5 25.Rf1∓]
25.Ng4 -2.83/17
[25.Rf1∓ -1.52/17]
25...Kg7 26.e5 -3.23/18
[26.Rxd3 -2.22/17 keeps fighting. cxd3 27.Qxd3]
26...Bb7 27.Rxd3? -5.83/18
[27.Ne4 -2.62/17 is tougher.]
27...cxd3 28.Qxd3 Rad8 Wards off Qd7 **29.Qe2 Qd4 30.Kg1 Qd3 31.Qe1** -7.37/20
[⌓31.Qe3 -4.36/19 Qxe3 32.Nxe3]
31...c5 32.Ne3 Rh8 33.Bg2 Bxg2 34.Kxg2 b4 35.axb4 cxb4 36.Nxa4 Qe4+ -9.21/5
[⌓36...Rdf8 -32.34/29 37.Kg1 Qh7 *(37...Qe4? 38.Ng2-+)*]
37.f3 Qh7 38.Nf1 Wards off Rd2+ **38...Qc2+** -7.22/20
[⌓38...g4 -#15/28 39.Kf2 Rd3 40.fxg4 Qh1 41.Qe2 Rf8+ 42.Ke1 Rdf3 *(42...Rxg3? 43.b3-+)* 43.Nb6

Rxf1+ *(43...Qxf1+? 44.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 45.Ke2-+)* 44.Kd2 Rxa1 45.Kd3 Rf3+ 46.Kd4 Rxg3 47.Kc4 Qc6+ 48.Kd4 Bc5+ *(48...Qxb6+* is a self mate. *49.Ke4)* 49.Kc4 Bxb6+ Discovered Attack (Check) 50.Kxb4 Qc5#]

39.Qf2 Qh7? 0.01/21

[39...Rc8-+ -7.82/20 ...g4! would now be deadly. 40.Qxc2 Rxc2+ 41.Kg1 Rf8]

40.Qa7? -10.59/24

[40.Qe1= 0.01/21 g4 41.Kf2]

40...Kf7 Black is clearly winning. **41.Kf2 Qc2+ 42.Ke1**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.46/ Black=0.91

42...Rh1

0-1

182 **D30**

☐ **Samunenkov,Ihor** **2572**

■ **Bluebaum,M** **2662**

Titled Tue 22nd Apr Late blitz (8) 22.4.25

[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.c5 Be7 8.Nc3 b6 9.cxb6 axb6 10.Bf4 Ba6 The position is equal. **11.Rc1N**

[11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 c5 13.Re1 Nd7 14.Bf4 Bf6 15.e4 cxd4 16.exd5 e5 17.Ne4 exf4 18.Rc1 Nc5 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.b4 Nd3 0-1 Mayaud,R (2175)-Baches Garcia, G (2322) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Late blitz 2024 (2)]

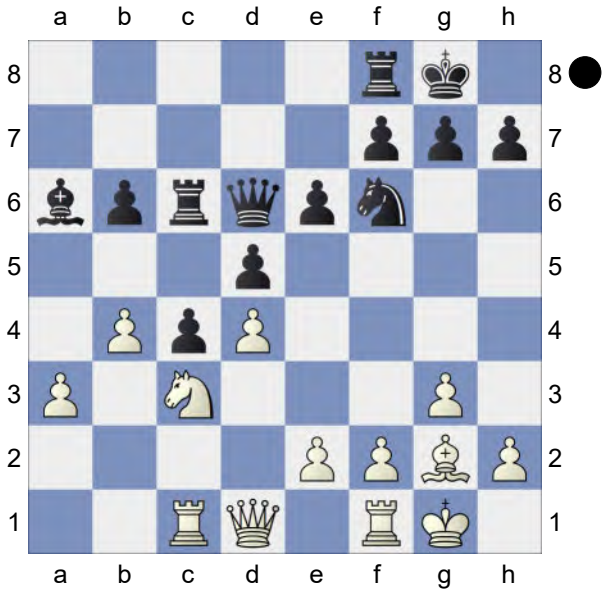
11...Na5 12.Ne5 c5 13.b3 -0.39/18

[13.Re1= -0.03/18]

13...Rc8∓ 14.Na4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.b4 c4 17.a3 Bd6 0.01/22

[17...Rc8∓ -0.42/20]

18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Nc3



Rc7 20.Re1 Rd8 21.Qc2 h5 22.h4 e5 0.38/21

[22...Rcd7= 0.01/20 might be stronger.]

23.dxe5± Qxe5 24.e3 Re7 25.Red1 Bc8! 26.Rd4 Bf5 27.Qd2 Bd3 28.Bf1 Bxf1 29.Rxf1 Ra8? 2.24/22

[29...Red7± 0.38/20]

30.Nxd5+- Nxd5 31.Rxd5 Qe6 4.50/20

[31...Qc7 1.94/23 32.Rc1 *(32.Rxh5 Rxa3 33.Rd5 Re8±)* 32...Rxa3]

32.Rc1

[32.Rxh5 Rxa3 33.Rd5 c3+-]

32...Qc6 33.Rd8+ Re8 34.Rd6 Qc7 4.00/24

[⌓34...Qf3 2.74/24 35.Rxc4 *(35.Rxb6 Rxa3 36.Rd6 Re4±* Decoy *)* 35...Rxa3]

35.b5 1.88/25

[⌓35.Qd4 4.00/24]

35...Rxa3? 3.98/22

[35...Red8 1.88/25 36.Rxd8+ Rxd8 37.Rxc4 Qxg3+ 38.fxg3 Rxd2]

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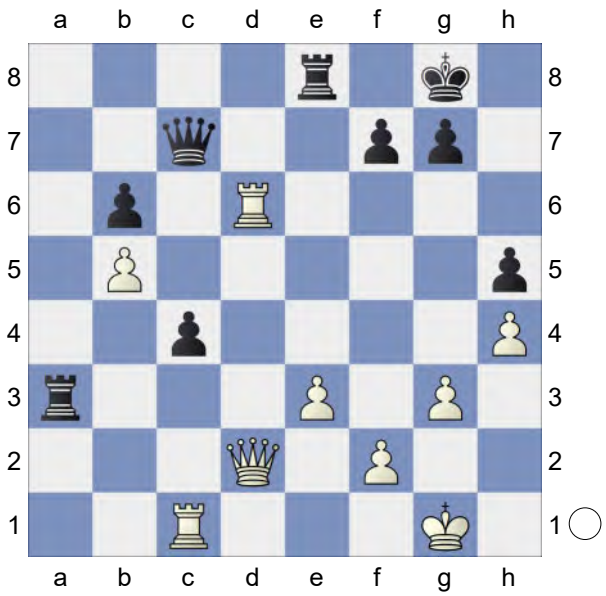
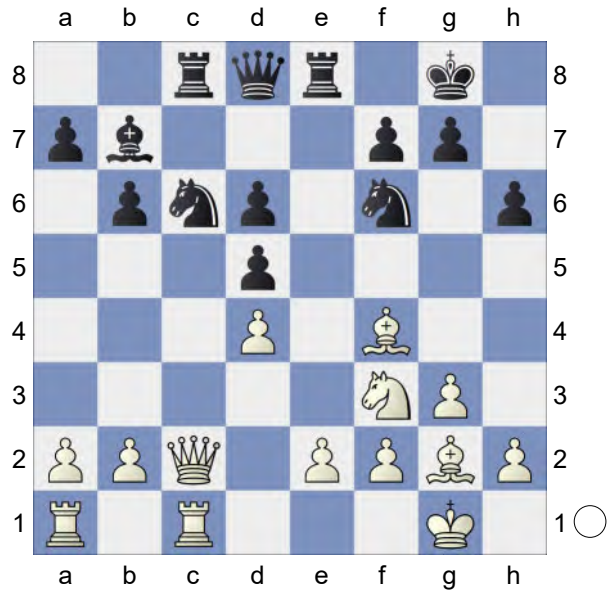


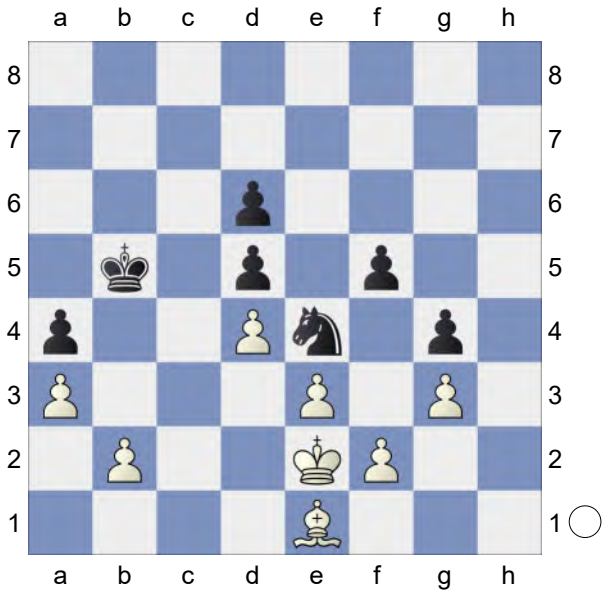
36.Rc6? 0.09/22
[White has to play 36.Qd5!+- 3.98/22]
36...Qe5= 37.Rxb6
[37.R1xc4 Qxb5 38.Qd1 Raa8±]
37...c3 38.Qd3 Rb3 39.Qc4 Rb2 40.Qxc3
[40.Rxc3!? Qf5□ 41.Qf4 Rxb5 42.Qxf5 Rxf5 43.Rd6±]
40...Rb1? 5.86/22 **41.Rc6?** 0.07/23
[41.Qc6+- 5.86/22 Rxc1+ 42.Qxc1]
41...Rxc1+ 42.Qxc1 Qxb5 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **43.Rc5 Qe2 44.Qc2 Qe1+**
[44...Qxc2 simplifies 45.Rxc2 g6 46.Re2 Kg7]
45.Kg2 g6 46.Rd5 Qb4 47.Rd1 Qe4+ 48.Qxe4 Rxe4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **49.Kf3 Ra4 50.Rd4 Ra3 51.Kf4 Ra2 52.f3 Ra3 53.e4 Kg7 54.Rc4 Rb3 55.Ra4 Rc3 56.e5 Rb3 57.Ra7 Rb4+ 58.Ke3 Rb3+ 59.Ke4 Rb4+ 60.Kd5** e6 would now be deadly. **60...Rb5+ 61.Kd4 Rb6 62.Kc5 Rb3 63.e6 Rxf3 64.e7** -0.60/26
[White should try 64.Kd4= -0.01/29 Rf6 65.exf7]
64...Re3!∓ 65.Kd6 Kf6!
[65...Rxg3 66.e8Q *(66.e8R Rg4+-)* 66...Rd3+ 67.Kc5 Rc3+ 68.Kb4 Rf3 69.Qe5+ Kh7 70.Ra8]
66.Ra4? -6.65/27
[66.Ra3∓ -0.79/24 Re6+ *(66...Rxa3? 67.e8Q+-)* 67.Kd5]
66...Re6+? -0.45/28
[66...Rxg3 67.e8Q *(67.e8R Rd3+ 68.Kc6 g5+-)* 67...Rd3+ 68.Kc5 g5 69.hxg5+ Kg6 70.Qe4+ *(70.Qg8+ Kf5 71.Qg7 Rc3+ 72.Qxc3 Kxg5 73.Qg3+ Kh6 74.Ra1 f6 75.Rg1 Kh7 76.Qg7#)* 70...Kxg5 71.Qf4+ *(71.Qxd3 Kf6 72.Qd6+ Kg7 73.Qg3+ Kh7 74.Ra1 Kh6 75.Rg1 Kh7 76.Qg7#)* 71...Kg6 72.Ra6+]
[66...Rd3+-+ -6.65/27 67.Kc6 Kxe7]
67.Kd5! Kxe7 68.Rf4? -6.04/26
[68.Ra3∓ -0.50/26]
68...Re1? -0.40/25
[68...Re3-+ -6.04/26 69.g4 hxg4 70.Rxg4 Ra3]
69.Rf3! Re6 0.01/27
[Black should play 69...Kf8∓ -0.49/26]
70.Rf2? -2.53/27
[70.Rf4= 0.01/27 and White has nothing to worry.]
70...Re3-+ 71.Rg2 Kf6 72.g4? -6.60/25
[72.Kd4 -1.87/26 Rb3 73.Ke4]
72...hxg4 73.Rxg4 Kg7 74.Kd4? -8.59/25
[74.h5 -3.29/26 Re1 75.Rg2]
74...Ra3 (-> ...f5). Black is clearly winning. **75.Ke5 Ra5+ 76.Kd6 f5 77.Rg2 Kf6 78.Rf2 Ra4 79.Rh2 f4 80.h5 gxh5 81.Rxh5 f3 82.Rh8 Kg5** And now ...f2 would win. **83.Rf8 Rf4 84.Rg8+** Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.43
84...Kh4
0-1

183 **D30**
□ **Ragger,M** **2566**
■ **Carlsen,M** **2837**
Titled Tue 6th May Late blitz (3) 06.05.25
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bd6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 h6 7.Qc2 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 White is slightly better. **9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nb5 Re8 11.Nxd6 cxd6 12.Bf4**
[12.b4 Nc6 13.Qb2 Rc8 14.Be3 Rc7 15.Rac1 Bc8 16.Rfe1 Bf5 17.Bd2 b5 18.a4 a6 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bf1 Na7 21.Qa3 Ree7 22.Qa5 Ne4 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Rc1 Qb7 25.Nh4 Be6 26.Qd8+ Kh7 1-0 (75) Sauermann (2151)-Maldonado Gonzales,S (1634) Taastrup 97/(200) 2006 (5)]
12...Nc6 13.Rfc1N
[13.Rfe1 a5 14.Rac1 a4 15.Qd3 Ne4 16.Nd2 Ba6 17.Qe3 Bb7 12) Catalan 4.g3-Catalan 4.g3 - 7.Qc2 #4]
13...Rc8



14.Qd1 Qd7 15.a3 -0.28/22
[Better is 15.Qd3± 0.34/21]
15...Ba6= 16.Bf1 g5 17.Bd2 Ne4 18.Be1 -0.67/21
[18.a4= 0.01/20]
18...Kg7 0.01/20
[18...g4!∓ -0.67/21 19.Nh4 Ng5]
19.Rc2 f5 0.19/21
[19...Bc4 -0.29/22 20.Rcc1 f6]
20.Rac1 Kg6 21.e3 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Ne7 23.Qd3 Rxc2 24.Rxc2 Rc8 25.Kg2 a5 26.h3 Rxc2
[26...g4 seems wilder. 27.Nd2 gxh3+ 28.Kxh3 Rxc2 29.Qxc2 Qb5]
27.Qxc2 Qc6 0.41/24
[27...g4= 0.01/22 28.Ng1 Kg7]
28.Qxc6± Nxc6 Endgame KBN-KNN
29.h4 -0.01/23
[29.Ng1± 0.43/21 is more appropriate.]
29...a4 30.hxg5 hxg5 The position is equal. **31.Kf1 b5 32.Ng1 Kf7 33.Ne2 Ke6 34.Nc3 Nxc3 35.Bxc3=** KB-KN **35...Ne7 36.Ke2 Ng8 37.Kf3 Nf6 38.Bb4 Ne4 39.Be1 g4+ 40.Ke2 Kd7 41.Ba5 b4 42.Bxb4 Kc6 43.Be1 Kb5**

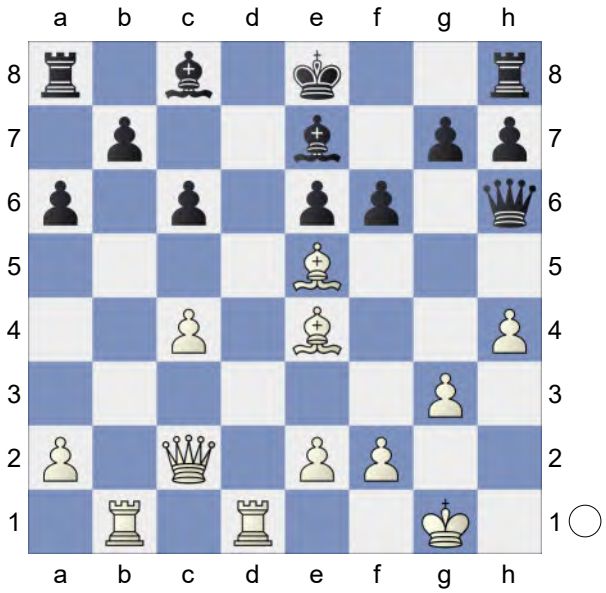


...Kc4 would now be deadly. **44.Kd3 Ng5 45.Bb4 Nh3 46.Be1 Ng1 47.Bb4 Nh3 48.Be1 Ng5 49.Bb4 Ne4 50.Be1**

Kb6 51.Kc2 Kc6 52.b3 Kb5 53.Kb2 Ng5 54.Bb4 Nh3 55.Be1 Ng1 56.Bb4 Nh3 57.Be1 Ng5 58.Bb4 Ne4 59.Be1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
59...Ng5
½-½

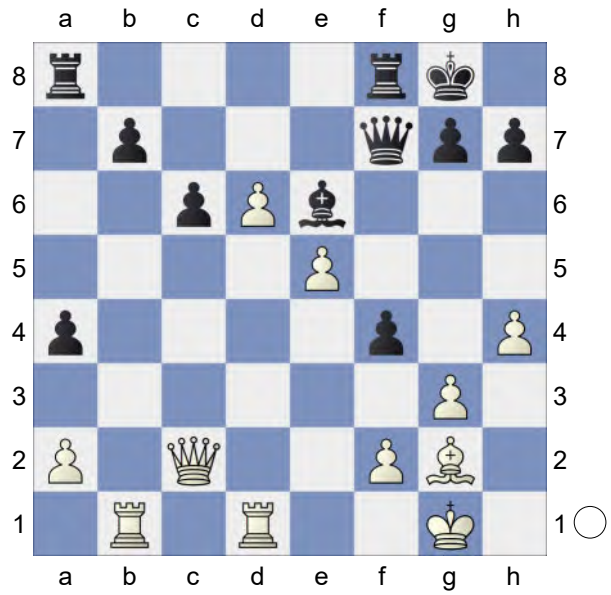
184 **E04**
□ **Woodward,Andy** **2557**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (10.13) 14.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Qc2 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 Qxd4 9.Nd2 White has an edge. **9...c3 10.bxc3 Qc5 11.Rb1 Bd6N**
[11...Be7 12.Ne4 *(12.c4 c6 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Rfd1 Rd8 15.h3 e5* 10) Catalan - 7th Move Sideli-Catalan Qc2 *)* 12...Nxe4 13.Bxe4 h6 14.c4 0-0 15.Be3 Qe5 16.Bxb7 Bxb7 17.Rxb7 Bg5 18.Ba7 Rfd8 19.f4 Qd6 20.fxg5 Rxa7 21.Rxa7 Qb6+ 22.e3 Qxa7 23.Qf2 ½-½ Ferragut,A (2683)-Ferri,S (2758) CSSR 28/323 1979]
12.c4 Qh5 0.91/21
[12...0-0= 0.25/20]
13.Ne4± Nxe4 14.Bf3 Qa5 Hoping for ...f5. **15.Bxe4**
[15.Qxe4?! 0-0=]
15...c6 1.37/22
[15...h6!± 0.55/19]
16.Rd1! White has strong compensation.
[16.Bxh7? Qh5 17.h4 *(17.Rd1? Rxh7 18.h4 Be7-+)* 17...Qxh7-+]
16...Be7 17.Bb2!↑ White has strong initiative.
[17.Bxh7? Qh5 18.Be4 Qxh2+ 19.Kf1 e5-+]
17...Qg5 18.h4!
[18.Bxh7? f5 19.h4 Qh6 20.Bxf5 exf5-+]
18...Qh6 19.Be5 f6 1.84/20
[19...0-0± 1.24/16]



20.Bc7 0.97/17
[20.Bd6!+- 1.84/20]
20...f5 1.72/18
[20...0-0± 0.97/17]
21.Bg2+- 0-0 22.Qc3 0.52/17
[White should try 22.c5+- 1.62/18]
22...a5 1.56/17 **23.c5!±** White is much more active.
[23.Bxa5 f4∓]
23...Bf6 1.80/17
[23...Qf6± 1.33/18 was worth a try. 24.Be5 *(24.Bxa5 Qxc3 25.Bxc3 Rxa2∓)* 24...Qf7]
24.Qc4+- Qg6 1.96/18
[24...Rf7± 1.47/19]
25.e4 Qf7 2.29/22
[⌓25...fxe4 1.72/18 26.Bxe4 Qf7]
26.Bd6 e5 27.Qc2 Be7 28.Bxe5 a4 2.98/22
[⌓28...Re8 2.05/21 29.Rd4 Bxh4]

29.Bd6 Bxd6 3.34/23
[⌓29...fxe4 2.00/20 30.Bxe4 g6]
30.cxd6
[Not 30.Rxd6 Be6=]
30...Be6 31.e5 f4



32.d7? 0.19/25 **fxg3= 33.fxg3**
Black cannot hold the game after this.
33...Bxa2? 6.75/26
[33...Bf5± 0.35/21 34.Be4 Bxe4 35.Qxe4 Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Rad8]
34.Rxb7+- White is clearly winning.
34...Bb3 7.83/20
[⌓34...Rad8 4.26/20 35.Rf1 *(35.Qxc6 Qf2+ 36.Kh2 Qe2+-; 35.Bxc6 Be6±; 35.Qxa4 Qf2+ 36.Kh2 Qe2+-)* 35...Qe6 36.Rxf8+ *(36.Qxa4 Rxf1+ 37.Bxf1 Bd5±)* 36...Kxf8 37.Qf2+ *(37.Qxh7 Qxe5 38.Qd3 Be6=; 37.Qxa4 Bd5+-; 37.Bxc6 Qxe5 38.Qxa2 Qxg3+ 39.Qg2 Qxh4+-)* 37...Ke7 38.Qc5+ Kf7]

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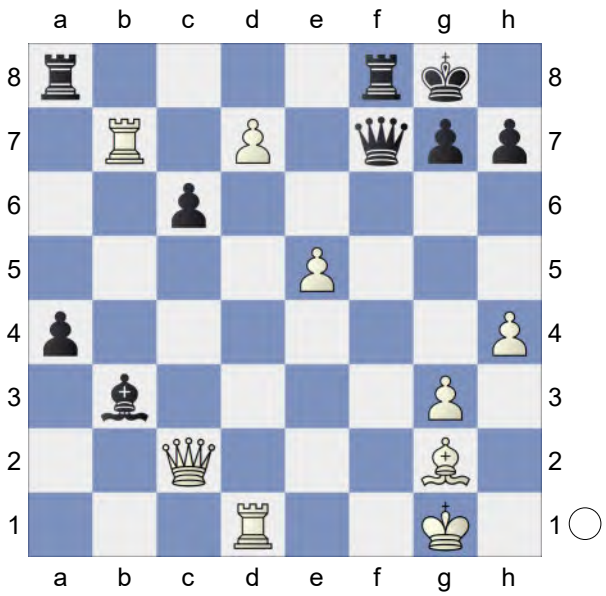


35.Rxb3! axb3
[35...Qxb3 36.Qxb3+]
36.Qxc6 Bd5! is the strong threat.
36...Qf2+ 37.Kh2 b2 38.Qd5+ Qf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.84
39.Qxa8 14.62/27
[39.Qxf7+ Kxf7 40.Bxa8 Rxa8=]
[⌓39.Rf1 34.41/27 Rad8 40.Rxf7 Rxf7 41.e6]
1-0

185 **E10**
□ **Makarian,Rudik** **2549**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2695**
Titled Tue 2nd Sep 2025 blitz (11) 2.9.25
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.Bf4 b6 9.0-0 Ba6 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.Rfe1 Nh5! 12.Be5
[12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bf4 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bb4 16.Red1 Qd6 17.Nf1 dxc4 18.a3 Ba5 19.f5 Kh8 20.Ne3 b5 21.Qe4 Bb7 22.Qxe6

Qc7 23.Qe4 Rae8 24.Qg4 Bb6 25.Nf1 Bc8 26.Ng3 g6 0-1 (35) Wang,H (2724)-Aronian,L (2783) Shanghai Masters 2010 (1)]

12...Rc8N

[12...Nhf6 13.e4 Rc8 14.Rad1 c5 15.exd5 exd5 16.Qf5 dxc4 17.d5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bd6 19.Ndxc4 Bxc4 20.Nxc4 b5 21.Ne5 Re8 22.Nc6 Qa5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Bf3 Qxa2 25.g4 h6 26.h4 Qxb2 27.g5 1-0 (35) Mecelica,E (2545)-Buese,R (2729) Staunton Memorial 7th 2009 (6) hxg5 28.hxg5 Nh7 29.Qd7 Re5 30.Qxd6 Rxg5+ 31.Kf1 Nf6 32.Ne7+ Kh8 33.Qb8+ Kh7 34.Qh2+ Nh5 35.Bxh5 1-0 Makarian,R (2545)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late blitz 2023 (6)]

[12...f6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bd6 Rc8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.e4 Qd6 17.Bh3 Rce8 18.Re3 g6 19.Rae1 Ng7 20.Qa4 Nb8 21.e5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Bc8 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.Qxa7 Nf5 25.Rd3 c5 26.dxc5 Qxc5 27.Rc3 1-0 (68) Mecelica,E (2548)-Bursic,E (2462) 125/42 Biel 2015 (11)]

13.cxd5 White has an edge. **13...exd5** 0.63/20

[13...cxd5= 0.08/22 14.Qa4 Bb7]

14.e4 0.26/19

[14.Qa4± 0.63/20 Bb5 15.Qb3]

14...Bb7 0.85/20

[14...f6= 0.26/19]

15.exd5 -0.18/20

[15.Bh3± 0.85/20]

15...cxd5= 16.Qa4 a6 0.81/19

[16...f6= -0.17/22]

17.Rad1 -0.02/20

[Better is 17.Bh3± 0.81/19 b5 18.Qd1]

17...b5 0.39/17

[17...g5= -0.02/20]

18.Qb3± g6 19.Nf1 -0.01/18

[19.a4± 0.45/19]

19...f6 20.Bf4 Nxf4 21.gxf4 White wants to play f5!. **21...Nb6 22.f5! Rc7** 1.24/20

[22...Kg7= 0.27/18 keeps the balance.]

23.fxg6!± hxg6 24.Nh4! Kf7 25.Qg3 Rg8 26.Ne3! Threatens to win with Ng4. **26...Bd6 27.Qf3** -1.66/20

[27.f4!± 0.94/20 is forced if you want to stay better.]

27...Rh8-+ 28.Qg4 g5 -0.44/20 The board is on fire.

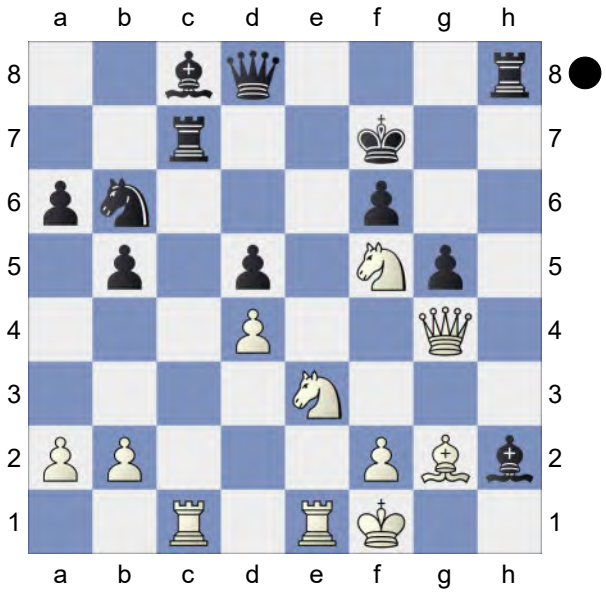
[28...Qg8∓ -1.14/20 29.Rc1 Re7]

29.Nhf5 -0.88/21

[29.Nf3!∓ -0.44/20]

29...Bxh2+∓ 30.Kf1 Bc8!↑ Black is more active. **31.Rc1?** -1.83/20

[31.Qe2!= -0.24/19]



31...Bf4!-+ 32.Rxc7+ Qxc7 33.Qf3 -1.71/21

[33.b3∓ -1.01/22]

33...Kg6 -0.71/20

[33...Be6-+ -1.71/21 34.b3 Qd7]

34.Ng3? -2.88/18

[34.b3∓ -0.71/20]
34...Be6? -0.67/20 This pair of bishops is nice.
[34...Nc4-+ -2.88/18 Threatens to win with ...Nd2+. 35.Nxc4 dxc4 *(35...Qxc4+ 36.Ne2∓)* 36.Qe4+ f5 37.Qc6+ Bd6 *(37...Qxc6 38.Bxc6 g4 39.Kg2-+)* 38.Qxc7 Bxc7]
35.b3 Qc3 0.01/19 Active counter play!
[Black should try 35...a5∓ -0.92/19 36.Ne2 Qd6]
36.Qe2? -1.96/22
[36.Ne2= 0.01/19 and White is okay. Qc7 37.Nxf4+ Qxf4 38.Qxf4 gxf4 39.Nc4]
36...Bxe3
[36...Qxd4 37.Qc2+ *(37.Nc2 Qe5=)* 37...Kf7 38.Nef5± *(38.Ne2 Qe5∓)*]
37.fxe3 -3.44/21
[37.Qxe3 -1.63/22 only move. Qxe3 38.Rxe3]
37...f5 38.Kf2? -4.92/19
[38.Qf2 -2.67/21 was worth a try.]
38...Nd7 39.Rh1 Rxh1 40.Nxh1 -7.90/21
[⌓40.Bxh1 -4.68/23 Nf6 41.Bf3]
40...Nf6 41.Kg1 f4 42.exf4 Qxd4+? -2.23/22
[42...Bg4 -5.94/22 43.Qe5 Qc1+ 44.Bf1 gxf4 *(44...Qxf4 45.Nf2∓)*]
43.Nf2

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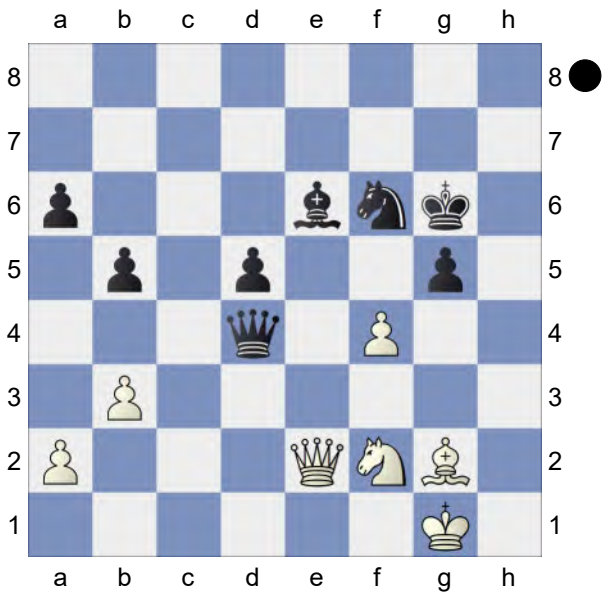


Bg4 -1.13/23
[43...Bf5!-+ -2.57/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 44.fxg5 Ne4 *(44...Kxg5 45.Qe7∓)*]
44.Qc2+? -7.48/21
[44.Qd3+∓ -1.13/23 Qxd3 45.Nxd3]
44...Bf5 45.Qe2 gxf4 46.Kf1 Ne4 47.Bxe4 dxe4 Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is two pawns up. **48.Qc2 e3 49.Qc6+ Kg5** (-> ...Qa1+) **50.Qg2+ Kf6 51.Qc6+ Ke5** -6.22/23
[⌓51...Ke7 -15.49/26 52.Qb7+ Kd8]
52.Qc7+ Qd6 53.Qg7+ Kd5 54.Qf7+ Be6 55.Qh5+ Qe5 56.Qf3+ Kd4?? 6.56/21
[56...Kd6-+ -7.64/24 57.Nd3 Qa1+ 58.Ne1 Qd4 *(58...Qxa2 59.Qxf4+ Ke7 60.Qh4+ Kd6 61.Qd8+ Kc6 62.Qa8+ Kd7 63.Qb7+ Ke8 64.Qc6+ Ke7 65.Qc7+ Kf6 66.Qd8+ Kf7 67.Qc7+ Ke8 68.Qc6+ Kf8 69.Qc5+ Ke8 70.Qc6+=)*]
57.Nd1?? -33.06/26
[57.Qd1++- 6.56/21 Kc5 58.Nd3+ Kd6 59.Nxe5+ Kxe5 60.Qh5+ Ke4 61.Qe8]
57...Bf5 -16.03/26
[⌓57...Qe4 -33.06/26 58.Qh5 Bh3+

59.Qxh3 Qd3+ 60.Kg1 Qxd1+ 61.Kg2 e2 62.Qh8+ Kd3 63.Qh7+ Kc3 64.Qc7+ Kb2 65.Qxf4 e1Q *(65...e1R? 66.Qf6+ Kb1 67.Qg6+ Qc2+ 68.Qxc2+ Kxc2 69.Kf2-+)* 66.Qf6+ Qc3 *(66...Kxa2 67.Qxa6+ Kb1 68.Qg6+ Qc2+ 69.Qxc2+ Kxc2 70.Kh3 Qg1 71.Kh4 Qg6 72.b4 Kd3 73.Kh3 Ke2 74.Kh4 Kf3 75.Kh3 Qh7#; 66...Kb1 67.Qg6+ Kxa2 68.Qxa6+ Kb2 69.Qf6+ Ka3 70.Qf8+ b4 71.Qa8+ Kb2 72.Qh8+ Ka2 73.Qa8+ Kb1 74.Qe4+* Back Rank *Qxe4+ 75.Kh2 Qh4+ 76.Kg2 Qdh1#)* 67.Qxc3+ Kxc3]

58.Qe2

Weighted Error Value: White=1.20/ Black=0.81

58...Bd3 Pin

0-1

186 **E06**

□ **Samunenkov,Ihor** **2548**

■ **Kovalenko,I** **2676**

Marble Chess Classical (4.1) 07.08.2025

[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 h6 0.62/21

[8...Bd7= 0.22/20]

9.Rd1!± Nc6 10.Bd2

[10.e3 Na5 11.Nbd2 Nd5 12.Nxc4 Nb4 13.Qc3 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 b5 15.Qe2 Bb7 16.axb5 axb5 17.Bd2 Bc6 18.Rac1 Ra6 19.e4 Rb6 20.Ne5 Ba8 21.Be3 Rb8 22.Qg4 f5 23.Qh3 Bd6 24.Bd2 Bxe5 1-0 (32) Sygulski,P (2199)-Grochol,K (2141) Krakow op-A 35th 2024 (8)]

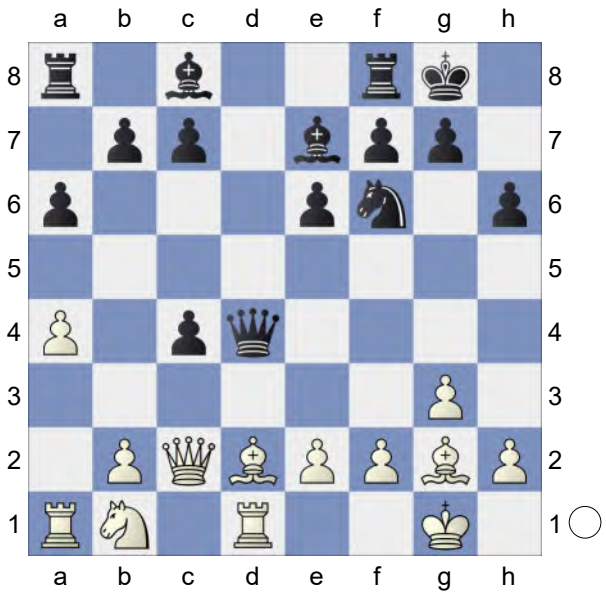
10...Nxd4 0.88/22

[10...Qd5± 0.38/19]

11.Nxd4±

[11.Qxc4 simplifies Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 e5 13.Qc2]

11...Qxd4



12.Bb4! Discovered Attack **12...Qxd1+N 13.Qxd1 Bxb4 14.Qc2 Rb8 15.Qxc4 Bd6 16.Qc2** White has strong compensation. **16...Bd7 17.Nd2 a5** 1.34/20

[17...b5± 0.69/19]

18.e4 0.04/20

[White should try 18.Nc4!± 1.34/20]

18...b5= 19.f4 -0.31/22

[19.axb5= 0.26/21 Rxb5 20.Bf1]

19...Bb4∓ 20.b3 -0.85/22

[20.Nf3= 0.00/20]

20...Rfd8∓ Black is more active. **21.Nf3?** -2.22/20

[21.Rd1= -0.23/22]

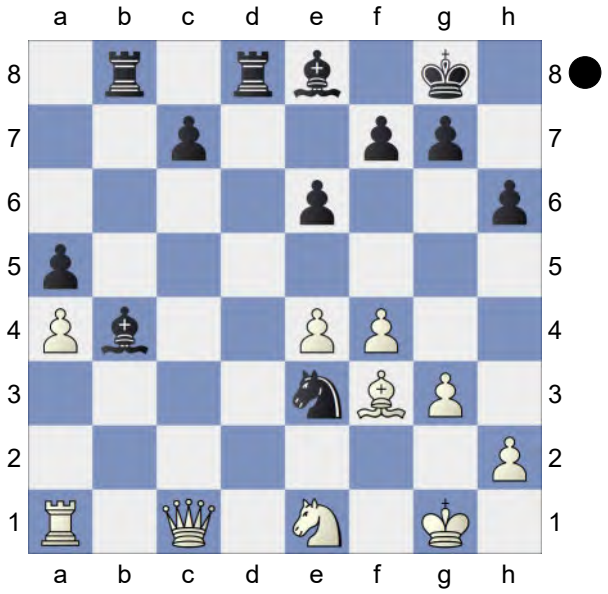
21...bxa4? -0.25/21

[Better is 21...c5!-+ -2.22/20 Threatens to win with ...c4!. 22.Ne5 Be8]

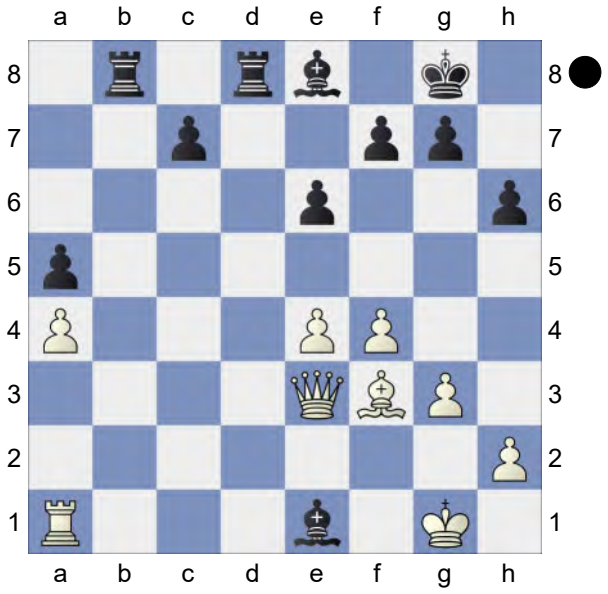
22.bxa4= Be8 This pair of bishops is nice. **23.Ne1?** -2.32/20

[23.Bf1!= -0.11/22 and White has nothing to worry.]

23...Ng4 White is weak on the dark squares **24.Bf3 Ne3 25.Qc1**



Bxe1! 26.Qxe3



Bd2↑ Keeping White busy. **27.Qc5** -2.48/22
[⌓27.Qe2 -1.81/22]
27...Rb2? -0.46/21
[27...Rd3-+ -2.48/22 28.Qxc7 Rb2]
28.Qa3 -3.69/22
[28.e5!∓ -0.46/21]
28...Rb4-+ 29.Be2 -4.51/20
[⌓29.Bd1 -2.99/20]
29...c5
[29...Bxa4? 30.Kf2-+]
[29...Rxe4 30.Qe7 Rc8 31.Kf1∓]
[29...Rxa4? 30.Qb2-+]
30.Bb5 c4
[Weaker is 30...Rxe4 31.Kf1 Bb4 32.Qf3∓]
31.Bxe8 Rxe8 Black is clearly winning.
32.Qf3 -6.98/21
[⌓32.Ra2 -4.43/19 c3 33.Rc2]
32...Rd8 33.Ra2 c3 34.Kg2 Rdb8 35.Qd3 Rb2 36.Rxb2 cxb2
[36...Rxb2? 37.Kh3-+]
37.Qb1 Bc3 38.e5
Weighted Error Value: White=1.25/ Black=0.32
38...Rb4
0-1

187 **E10**
□ **Makarian,Rudik** **2543**
■ **Carlsen,M** **2837**
Titled Tue 15th Apr Early (4) 15.04.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D77: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0: Replies other than 6...c6
The match between China and Russia is always very interesting one. Despite both being young teams that show great fighting games, they have completely different styles of play. The Russians usually play positionally and have big theoretical knowledge, while the Chinese have a much more tactical style, fighting until the very end and with sometimes rare opening setups. In the current game Matlakov demonstrates amazing positional play which gives him a full point in just 30 moves-which is a very rare thing against a Chinese opponent... In this game we'll analyse the 'Wang Chen' variation of the Catalan,

which attempts to be a complete answer to a White kingside fianchetto, but we'll see in the game how White obtains the better chances. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qc2 Na6N**

[7...Nbd7 8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7 11.Nxf6+ Nxf6 12.Bf4 Rc8 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Nh5 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Bc1 Ng7 17.d5 Rfd8 18.Nd2 c6 19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Ne4 Rdc8 22.b3 1-0 (62) Sapenov,D (2324)-Carredo,A (1555) Asia-ch U20 Tagaytay City 2022 (3)]

[7...Nc6 8.Rd1 a5 *(8...Qe7 9.a3 a5 10.b3 Ne4 11.Bb2 f5 12.Nc3 Rd8 13.e3 h6 14.Ne1 Qf7 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.f3 exf3 17.Nxf3 Qf5 18.Qe2 Bd7 19.Nh4 Qg5 20.e4 dxc4 21.bxc4 Be8 22.Nf3 Qg4 23.e5* 1-0 (40) Ngo,B (1967)-7. ♗g2 c5 8.dc5 ♗c5 (1358) Maia op 2023 (1)*; 8...Ne7 9.b3 c6 10.Nc3 b6 11.e4 Ba6 12.e5 Nd7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Nf4 Nf8 16.Ba3 Bb7 17.Bh3 Bh6 18.Bc1 Bg7 19.Ba3 Bh6 20.Bc1 Bg7 21.b4 Bc8 22.Bxc8 Rxc8 23.Bd2* 1-0 (40) Matlakov,M (2691)-Wang,C (2521) China-Russia Match 2015 (4.3) *)* 9.a3 Ne7 10.Nc3 b6 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Rac1 Ne8 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Qd7 16.Qb3 h6 17.Ne5 Qe6 18.b5 g5 19.Bd2 Nd6 20.Nc6 Bxc6 21.bxc6 Ra5 22.e3 1-0 (30) Matlakov,M (2691)-Lu,S (2595) China-Russia Match 2015 (1.3)]

8.Rd1 b6 9.Bg5 Bb7 White has an edge. **10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nc3 Re8 12.Rac1 h6 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.a3** 0.15/18

[14.Be5± 0.52/17]

14...c5 0.60/17

[14...Ne4= 0.15/18]

15.Be5!± Rad8 16.e3 Ne4 ...f6 is the strong threat. **17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.dxc5 Naxc5 19.b4 Ne6 20.Ne2** 0.11/25

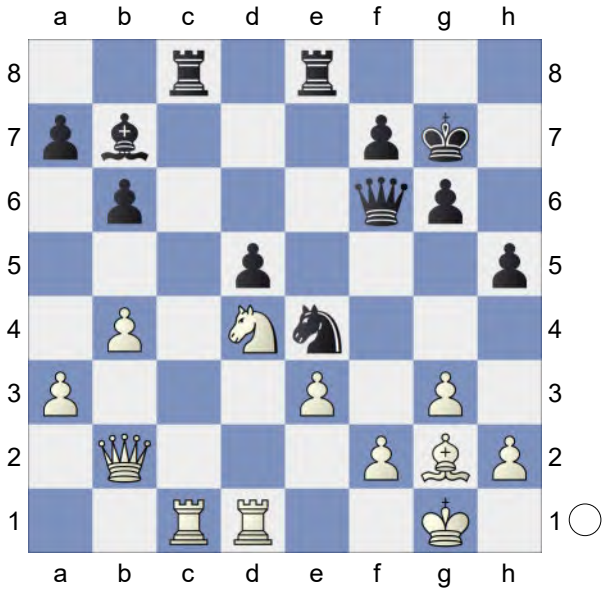
[20.Nb5± 0.66/22]

20...Qf6= 21.Ned4 Rc8 22.Qb2 Nxd4 0.70/22

[Black should play 22...Kg8= 0.13/22]

23.Nxd4± h5 1.56/20

[23...Kh7± 0.51/20]



24.Rxc8!± Deflection **24...Rxc8** 6.72/20

[24...Bxc8± 0.90/20 25.Rc1 Nd6]

25.Bxe4+- dxe4

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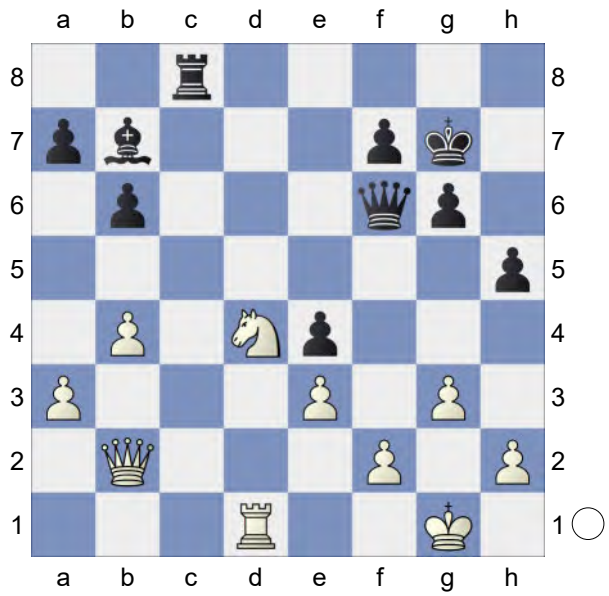
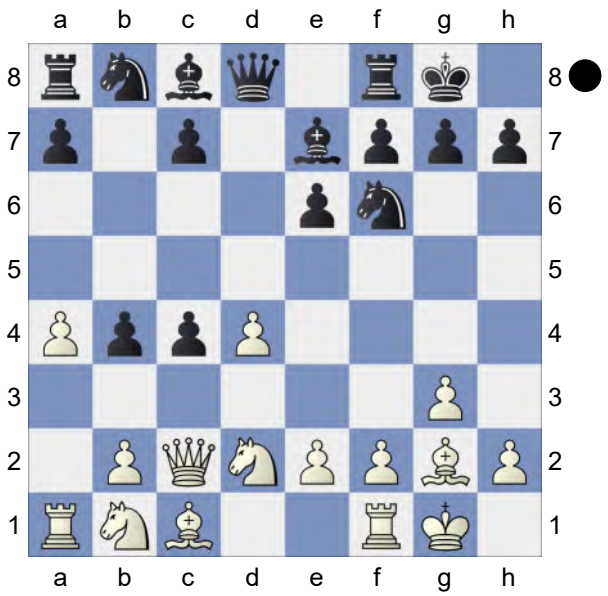


Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.90
26.Ne6+!
1-0

188 **E06**
□ **Liu,Yan** **2531**
■ **Wang Hao** **2698**
CHN League Division A Pt1 (2.1) 28.8.25
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
New chapter, new beginnings. Chapters 12-18 focus on the Catalan Variation, my personal nemesis. For a very long time, I didn't know what to do against the Catalan. This was mainly because getting an imbalanced position is extremely rare in the Catalan. White usually achieves a position with two possible outcomes, making it very difficult to play for a win. That's why I'm particularly proud of the work I did here. I believe I discovered several fresh directions, resulting in unexplored structures and imbalances. More importantly, I managed to find ways where white can't simply memorize their way to a draw, providing us with ample chances to fight for a win. As for the structure of these chapters, they are designed in a way where we start with the core variations and keep adding layers of sidelines in the subsequent chapters. Let's get started! New chapter, new beginnings. Chapters 12-18 focus on the Catalan Variation, my personal nemesis. For a very long time, I didn't know what to do against the Catalan. This was mainly because getting an imbalanced position is extremely rare in the Catalan. White usually achieves a position with two possible outcomes, making it very difficult to play for a win. That's why I'm particularly proud of the work I did here. I believe I discovered several fresh directions, resulting in unexplored structures and imbalances. More importantly, I managed to find ways where white can't simply memorize their way to a draw, providing us with ample chances to fight for a win. As for the structure of these chapters, they are designed in a way where we start with the core variations and keep adding layers of sidelines in the subsequent chapters. Let's get started! **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b5 8.a4 b4 9.Nfd2**

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack **9...Nd5 10.Nxc4** White is slightly better.

[10.Qxc4 Ba6 11.Qc2 Nd7∓ *(11...Bxe2 12.Re1∓)*]

10...c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Ne3

[12.e4 Nb6 13.Na5 *(13.Rd1 N8d7 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.Nd3 b3 16.Qxb3 Ba6 17.Na3 e5 18.Nb4 Be2 19.Re1 Bg4 20.Bd2 Qd6 21.Bc3 Qf6 22.Nd3 Rfd8 23.a5 Be6 24.Qc2 Nc4 25.Nxc4 Bxc4 26.Rad1 Qe6 27.Nxc5 Nxc5* ½-½ (30) Loginov,V (2406)-Pavlenko,Y (2390) Porz op Cologne 1982 (6)*)* 13...N8d7 14.Nb3 Ba6 15.Rd1 Rc8 16.Nxc5 Rxc5 17.Qb3 Be2 18.Re1 a5 19.Be3 Bc4 20.Qd1 Rc8 21.Qh5 e5 22.Bh3 Rc6 23.Nd2 Qc7 24.Rec1 Be6 25.Rxc6 Qxc6 26.Bxe6 Qxe6 ½-½ Ortiz Suar Suarez,I (2517)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2577) Carlos Torre Memorial op 32nd 2022 (7)]

12...Bxe3 13.Bxe3 And now Bc5 would win. **13...Bb7N**

[13...Nxe3? 14.fxe3 Qb6 *(14...b3? 15.Qxb3 h6 16.Bxa8+-)* 15.Bxa8+-]

[13...Ba6 14.Re1 Qf6 15.Nd2 Rc8 16.Qb3 Nc6 Catalan Main Line With-9.Nfd2 Nd5 10.Nxc4 #4]

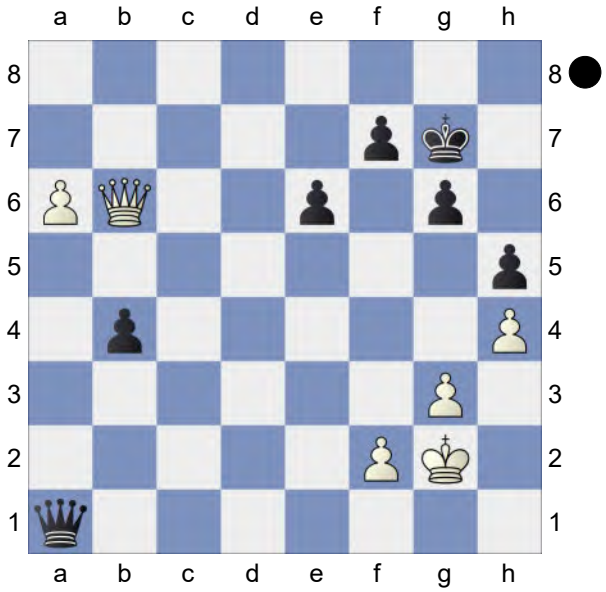
14.Qb3 White is more active. **14...Na6** 0.68/20 Inhibits Bc5.

[14...Nc6= 0.29/18 should be considered.]

15.Nd2 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nc5 1.09/19 **18.Rfd1± Qe7 19.Nb3** 0.01/22

[19.Nf3± 0.98/17]

19...Nxb3= The position is equal. **20.Qxb3 a5 21.Rd2 Rad8 22.Rad1 h5 23.h4 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8** Endgame KQ-KQ **26.Qf3 g6 27.b3 Kg7 28.Qe4 Qf6 29.Qa8 Qe5 30.e4 Qc7 31.Qa6 Qc2 32.Qxa5 Qxe4+ 33.Kh2 Qd4 34.Kg2 Qc3 35.Qb5 Qxb3 36.a5 Qc3 37.a6 Qa1 38.Qb6**



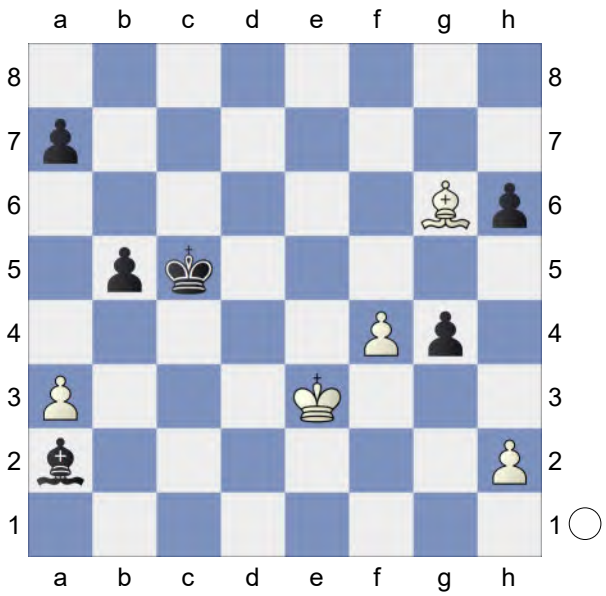
b3! 39.a7 b2 40.Qd4+ Kh7 41.Qd7! Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

41...Kg7

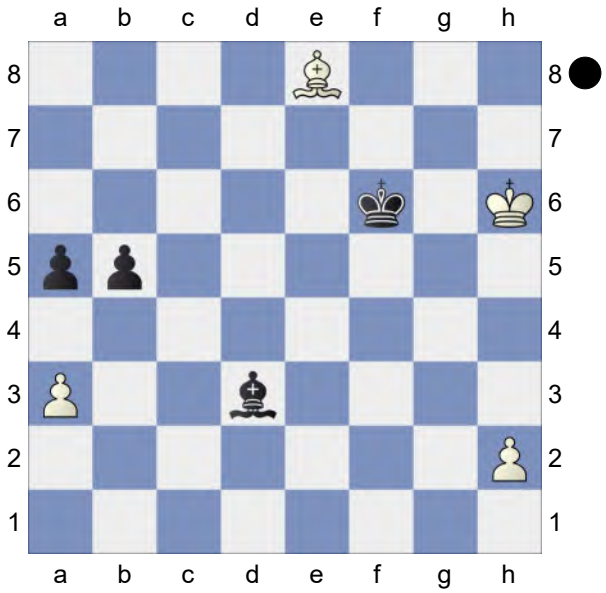
½-½

189 **E04**
□ **Paehtz,E** **2471**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2504**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.dxc5 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Bxc5 9.Nbd2 c3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Nb3 Be7 12.Nfd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 Nd5 14.Bd2 Prevents a5. **14...f5 15.Nc5N**
[15.Na5 b6 *(15...Re8 16.Rac1 Ba3 17.Rb1 b6 18.Nc4 Bf8 19.Ne3 Bb7 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rb5 Rxe2 23.Rxd5 g6 24.Kf1 Ree8 25.Rc1 Rad8 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Be3 Bd6 28.a4 Kf7 29.Ke2 Ke6 30.Kd3* ½-½ (50) Lommers,F (2615)-Persse,D (2728) 48/(748) Balatonbereny 1989 (4) *)* 16.Nc6 Bf6 17.e3 11. Catalan open 4... dxc4 5.-6.O-O Nc6 7. dxc5 Qxd1 #16 Bb7 18.Nb4 Rfc8 19.a4 Rab8 20.a5 Nxb4 21.Bxb4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rb7 23.axb6 *(23.Rac1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 bxa5 25.Bxa5 Kf7* Quickstarter The Catalan-dxc5 endgame 9.Nbd2-11.Nb3 Be*)* 23...axb6 24.h3 Kf7 25.Rab1 b5 Goglidze,V-Vukcevic,B URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
15...b6 16.Nd3 Ba6 17.Nf4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Rac8 19.e3 g5 20.Be5 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.Rac1 Rff8 23.d5 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8= Endgame. KB-KB **26.f4 gxf4 27.exf4** d6 is the strong threat. **27...Kf7 28.a3 Ke7 29.Kf2 Kd6 30.dxe6 Bxe6 31.Ke3 Kc5 32.Bf1 b5** White should prevent ...a5. **33.Bd3 h6 34.g4 fxg4 35.Bg6** Dodges Bf7 **35...Ba2**
(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...a5. **36.f5 Bb1 37.Kf4 Kd6 38.Be8 Bd3 39.Kxg4 a5 40.f6 Ke6 41.Kh5?** -6.76/36
[41.f7= -0.03/34 Ke7 *(41...Be2+ 42.Kf4=)* 42.Kf3 *(42.Kh5 Kf8=)*]
41...Kxf6-+ 42.Kxh6



a4! ...b4! would now be deadly.
[42...b4 43.axb4 axb4 44.Ba4=]
43.h4 Ke7? 0.00/43
[Better is 43...b4!-+ -8.24/37 44.Bxa4 bxa3 45.Bb3 Bf5 46.h5 Be6 47.Bxe6 Kxe6 48.Kg5 a2 49.h6 a1Q *(49...a1B 50.Kf4=)* 50.Kf4 Qb1

51.Kf3 Ke5 *(51...Qh1+ 52.Kf2 Qxh6 53.Ke2 Ke5 54.Kd3 Qc1 55.Ke2 Ke4 56.Kf2 Kf4 57.Ke2 Qc2+ 58.Kf1 Kf3 59.Kg1 Qg2#)* 52.Ke3 Qb3+ *(52...Qe4+ 53.Kd2 Kd4 54.h7 Qxh7 55.Ke2 Qf5 56.Kd1 Qf2 57.Kc1 Kc3 58.Kd1 Qf1#)* 53.Ke2 Ke4 54.Kf2 Qf3+ *(54...Qe3+ 55.Kg2 Qf3+ 56.Kg1 Qg3+ 57.Kf1 Kf3 58.h7 Qf2#)* 55.Kg1 Qg3+ *(55...Qe3+ 56.Kg2 Qf3+ 57.Kh2 Qg4 58.h7 Kf3 59.h8Q Qg2#)* 56.Kf1 Kf3 57.h7 Qf2#]

44.Bc6!= The position is equal. **44...Kd6**

[44...Kf6!?]

45.Be8 Bc4 And now ...b4! would win.

[45...Ke7!? 46.Bc6□ Bc4= *(46...b4 47.axb4 a3 48.Bd5=)*]

46.Bg6! Kc5 White must now prevent ... b4. **47.h5 b4 48.axb4+ Kxb4 49.Kg7 a3** Threatens to win with ...a2. **50.Bb1 a2**

[50...Kb3!? 51.h6□ Bd3=]

51.Bxa2 Bxa2 52.h6 Hoping for h7. **52...Bb1 53.h7 Bxh7 54.Kxh7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)

½-½

192 **E15**

□ **Szpar,Milosz** **2449**

■ **Toktomushev,Teimur** **2407**

Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late b..

[Kitty Kat]

E15: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 sidelines, 4 g3 Ba6 and 4 g3 Bb7 early deviations

Inf 14/523 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 c6 7.0-0 b6** Recently 7...a5 got a lot of attention. 7...a5 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **8.Ne5 Ba6N**

[8...Bb7 9.Qa4 Nfd7 10.Bf4 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd7 12.Bf4 a6 13.Qb3 b5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Rfd1 Nb6 E 06/13 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008 17.Nb1 Qd7 18.Qd3 Nc4 19.Rc2 g5 20.Bc1 Nd6 21.Nd2 Rxc2 22.Qxc2 Rc8 23.Qb1 b4 24.Nb3 Qb5 25.Bf1 a5 26.Nc5 Ne4 27.Nd3 Qb6 28.Be3 Nd6 29.f3 Ba6 30.Nc5 Bb5 31.Bf2 Nb7 0-1 (53) Huebner,R-Kholmov,R Suhumi Suhumi 14/523 1972]

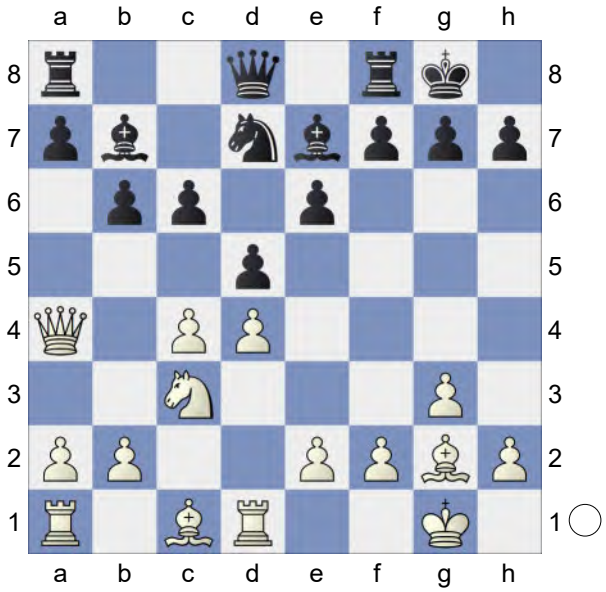
9.Qa4 Bb7 0.85/19

[9...Qe8= 0.14/21]

10.Rd1± Nfd7 11.Nf3N 0.34/17

White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.

[11.Nxd7 Nxd7



12.e4! dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nf6 1.56/17 *(⌓13...b5 0.71/17 14.Qc2 bxc4)* 14.Nxf6+± Bxf6 15.Bf4 Bxd4 ½-½ (65) Khismatullin,D (2579)-Durarbayli,V (2631) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Jul Early blitz 2023 (9)]

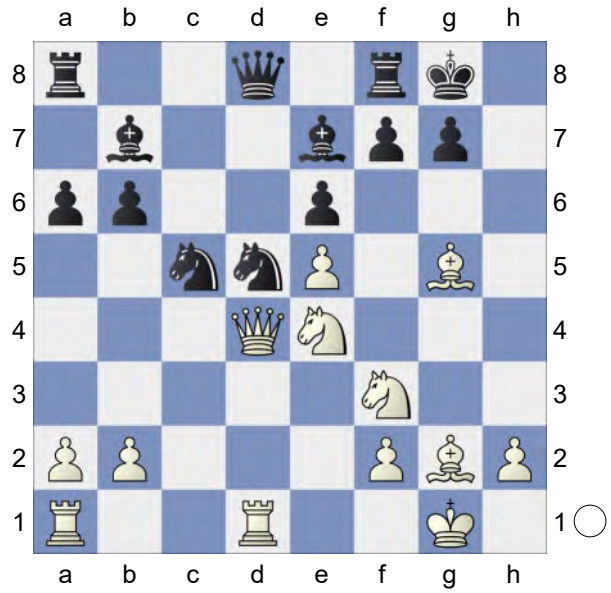
[11.Nxd7± 0.83/22 Qxd7 12.e4]

11...a6 0.78/18

[11...Nf6± 0.34/17]

12.Qc2 dxc4 13.e4 0.09/17

[13.Ne4!± 0.66/17]
13...Nf6 0.54/20
[13...b5= 0.09/17]
14.e5± Nd5 15.Ne4 h6! Against Neg5
16.Qxc4 -0.01/18
[16.g4± 0.36/19]
16...Nd7= 17.g4 c5 18.g5! hxg5 1.64/18
[18...h5!= 0.20/17 and Black has nothing to worry.]
19.Bxg5? -0.01/18
[19.Nfxg5+- 1.64/18 cxd4 20.Qd3 *(20.Qxd4 Rc8±)*]
19...cxd4 0.48/21
[19...Rc8= -0.01/18 was preferable.]
20.Qxd4±
[20.h4 with more complications. Ne3 21.fxe3 Bxe4 22.Qxd4 Bxf3]
20...Nc5? 1.88/20
[20...Rc8± 0.34/18]

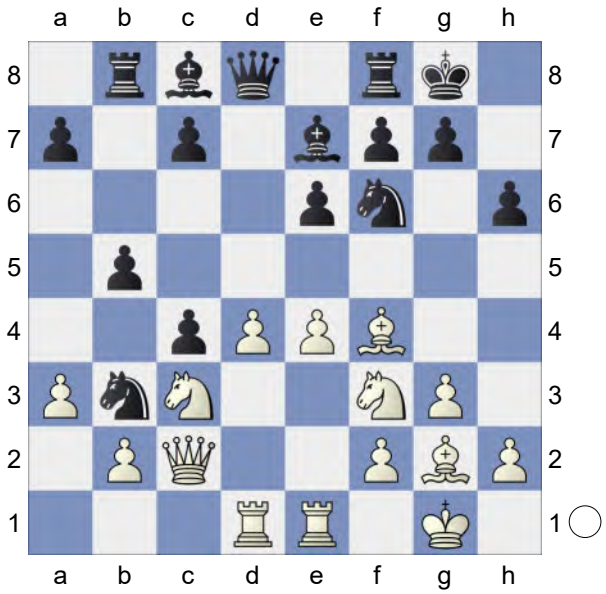


21.Bxe7 0.65/23
[21.Nxc5!+- 1.88/20 bxc5 22.Qg4]
21...Qxe7 22.Neg5 -0.49/19
[Better is 22.Nd6± 0.74/20]
22...f6!∓ 23.Qh4 -5.23/21 **fxg5-+**
24.Nxg5 g6 25.Rd4 Prevents Nf4
25...Qg7? -0.10/19
[25...Rf5-+ -5.14/18 26.Rg4 Raf8 *(26...Rxe5? 27.Qg3-+)*]
26.Rg4 -3.38/20
[26.b4= -0.10/19 and White stays safe. Na4 27.Re1 *(27.Nxe6 Qxe5 28.Ng5 Qg7=)*]
26...Ne7? 0.33/17
[26...Qxe5 27.Qh7#]
[Black should play 26...Rf5-+ -3.38/20 and ...Raf8 would now be decisive 27.b4 Rxe5 *(27...Qxe5 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qh6+ Ke7 30.Qh7+ Kd8 31.Rc1∓; 27...Nd3 28.Nxe6 Qf7 29.Nd8=)* 28.bxc5 Rxg5 Discovered Attack]
27.Bxb7± Nxb7
[Of course not 27...Nf5?! 28.Qh3 Rae8 *(28...Nxb7 29.Nxe6 Qh7 30.Qxh7+ Kxh7 31.Nxf8+ Rxf8 32.Rd1±; 28...Qxb7 29.b4±)* 29.Be4+-]
28.Nxe6 Qf7 29.Nxf8 Rxf8 30.Rd1↑ Black is under pressure. **30...Nc5** Prevents Rd7. **31.Rd6** and b4 would now be decisive. The board is on fire.
31...Kg7? 7.82/21
[31...Qf5= 0.05/21]
32.Rf6+- Qxa2 33.Rxf8? 0.91/24
[33.Rxb6 Qf7 34.Rf6 Qd5+-]
[33.Rgf4+- 7.81/23 Qb1+ 34.Kg2]
33...Kxf8± 34.Qh8+ Ng8? 9.48/23
[34...Qg8± 0.90/23 35.Qf6+ Qf7]
35.Rf4++-
[35.Rxg6? loses. Qb1+ 36.Kg2 Qxg6+-+]
35...Ke7 Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=1.27
36.Qg7+
1-0

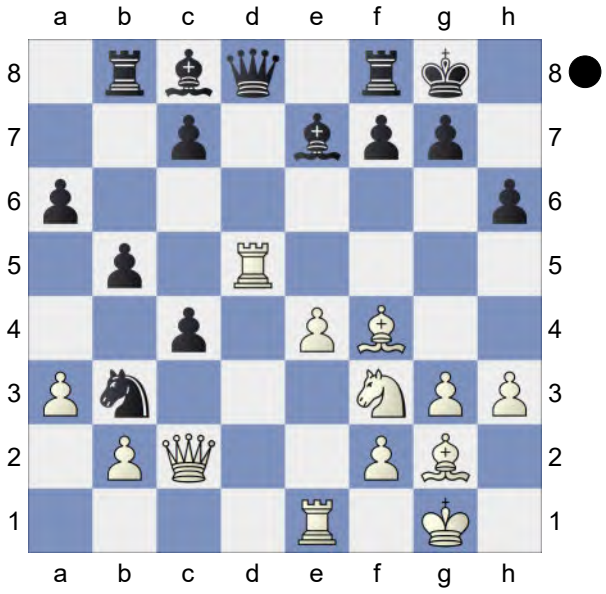
191 **E20**
□ **Szpar,Milosz** **2449**
■ **Lancman,Kyle** **2150**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 8.Re1 might become the main line. 8.Te1 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. **8...Be7 9.e4 Rb8** 0.12/21
[9...a6∓ -0.32/20 10.Be3 b5 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Rad1 Na5 13.d5 exd5 14.e5 Ne8 15.e6 f5 16.Ne5 Nf6 17.Qc2 c6 18.Qxf5 Qe8 19.Nf7 Bc8 20.Rfe1 Nb7 21.Bg5 Ra7 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.Nxd5 Be7 0-1 (33) Praggnanandhaa,R (2747)-Gukesh,D (2743) E Candidates 2024 (2)]
10.Bf4 White has compensation. **10...b5**
11.Re1 The position is equal. **11...Na5N**
[11...a6 12.d5 Na5 13.Qc2 Nh5 14.Be3 f5 15.dxe6 f4 16.Rad1 Qe8 17.gxf4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Rxf4 19.Nd5 Rg4 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.Qd2 Bb7 22.Ne5 Rg5 23.f4 Rxe5 24.fxe5 Nc6 25.Qd7 Re8 26.Qxe7 1-0 (29) Praggnanandhaa,R (2741)-Nguyen,T (2668) 7th Prague Masters 2025 (3)]
12.Qc2 h6 0.50/21
[12...Rb6= -0.01/18]
13.Rad1± a6N 2.12/19
[13...Nb3 0.84/19 13...b4 0.31

(Diagram)

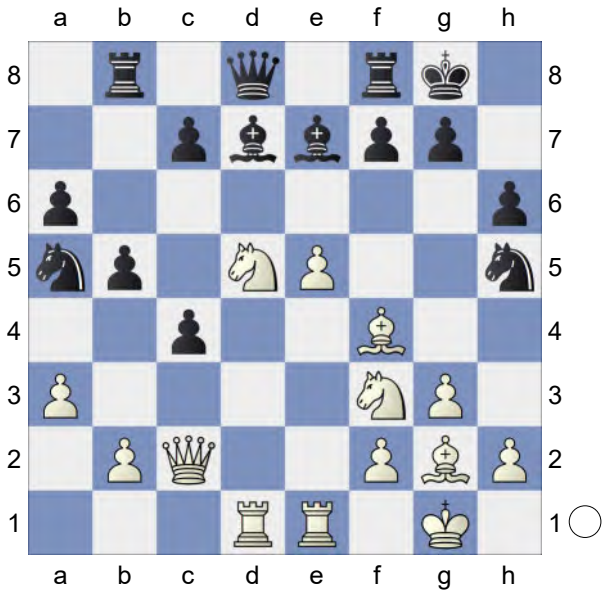


14.h3 0.01/21 *(14.d5!± 0.84/19)* 14...a6 15.d5 And now dxe6 would win. exd5 0.44/22 *(15...Nd7=* -0.04/19 should be considered.*)* 16.Nxd5? -1.12/22 *(16.Ne5± 0.44/22* keeps the upper hand. *Rb6 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.exd5)* 16...Nxd5∓ 17.Rxd5 -1.20/21 *(⌓17.exd5 -0.84/21 Bd6 18.Be5)*



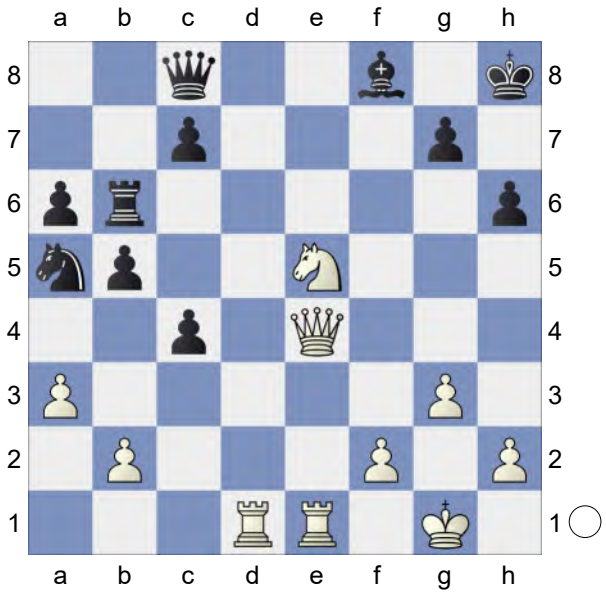
17...Qe8!∓ 18.Bxc7 Rb7 19.Bf4 -1.43/18 *(*White should play *19.Bd6* -0.87/20 *)* 19...Be6 1-0 (42) Radjabov,T (2753)-Tari,A (2654) Norway

Chess Armageddon 10th rapid 2022 (2)]
[13...b4± 0.36/19]
14.d5+- exd5 3.25/22
[14...Nd7± 1.42/18]
15.e5 Nh5 3.81/20
[15...Be6 2.16/20]
16.Nxd5
[Weaker is 16.Rxd5 Qe8±]
16...Bd7 6.94/19
[16...Nxf4 3.16/21 17.gxf4 *(17.Nxf4 Qe8∓)* 17...Nb3]



17.e6! Nxf4
[17...Bxe6 18.Bxc7]
18.Nxf4 fxe6 19.Nxe6 A dynamic duo of knights. **19...Qc8 20.Nxf8 Bxf8 21.Ne5 Bf5 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Be4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Rb6**

(Diagram)



25.Rd8!! Decoy **25...Qxd8 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Nxd8 Rd6** Prevents Qd5+. **28.Ne6** White threatens Qf5! and mate. **28...Be7** Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=1.57
29.Qg6
1-0

190 **E11**
□ **Stalmach,Richard** **2449**
■ **Kourkoulos Arditis,Stamatis** **2580**
Prague Challengers 7th (5) 02.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
Nigel Davies: 'Anish Giri was one of the early adopters of the original 11.e3!?. It seems to have originated in an email game (Langeveld - Herfurth) before being discovered by Ding Liren and then Giri. So Topalov might well have been surprised. Here was see some of the key ideas when Black recaptures on d5 with the e-pawn, most notably the 15. exf4 recapture and 14.Nb1 to bring the

knight to c3. The engines, as always, indicate better ways for Black to play, but in general White's prospects look quite pleasant.' **1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 b6 10.Nbd2!** is now more promising than 10. Rd1. im Vergleich zu 10.Td1 vielversprechender. **10...Nh5 11.Be5**

[11.e3 Bb7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.h4 Rc8 14.Nb1 Nxf4 15.exf4 c5 16.Nc3 Nf6 17.Rad1 a6 18.dxc5 Rxc5 19.Rfe1 Re8 20.Qb3 h6 21.Nd4 Bf8 22.Rxe8 Nxe8 23.Nc2 Nf6 24.Ne3 b5 25.Ncxd5 Nxd5 1-0 (33) Giri,A (2761)-Topalov,V (2730) (Armageddon) 153/175 2022]

[11.Be3 Nhf6 ½-½ (13) Rogule,L (2241)-Zatonskih,A (2315) Augsburg op-A (Women) 2025 (7)]

11...Bb7 12.Rac1N -0.18/19

[12.e4 -0.20/17 12.cxd5 0.21 Rc8 13.Rfe1 Nxe5 14.dxe5 d4 0.36/18 *(14...g6= -0.07/17)* 15.c5 -0.01/19 *(15.Nb3!± 0.36/18)* 15...Bxc5= 16.Nb3 Bb4 0.48/21 *(16...d3= -0.06/18 17.Qc4 Be7)* 17.Red1± c5 18.a3 ½-½ (47) Bok,B (2620)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2640) Chessable Masters Div 2 Win rapid 2024 (2.2)]

[⌓12.cxd5 0.21/22 exd5 13.e4 g6 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.Qa4 a6 16.Qb3 b5 17.exd5 cxd5 18.h4 Re8 19.Bh3 Bf8 20.Ng5 h6 21.Ngf3 Rc6 22.Qd3 Bc8 23.Kh2 Nb6 24.Nf1 Nc4 25.b3 Bxh3 26.Kxh3 Qc8+ 27.Kg2 Nxe5 28.Nxe5 1-0 (39) Ter Sahakyan,S (2598)-Alekseenko,K (2686) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute 2023 (2.4)]

12...c5 0.31/20

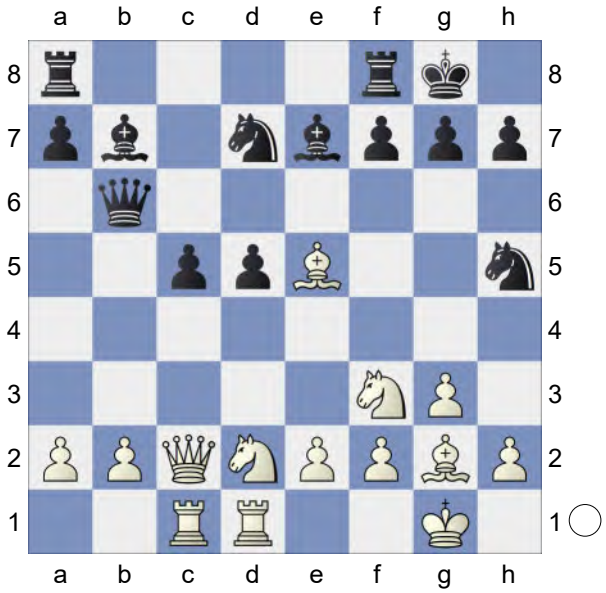
[12...Rc8= -0.18/19]

13.dxc5 bxc5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Rfd1 -0.05/17

[15.e4± 0.36/19]

15...Qb6 0.57/20

[15...Re8= -0.05/17]

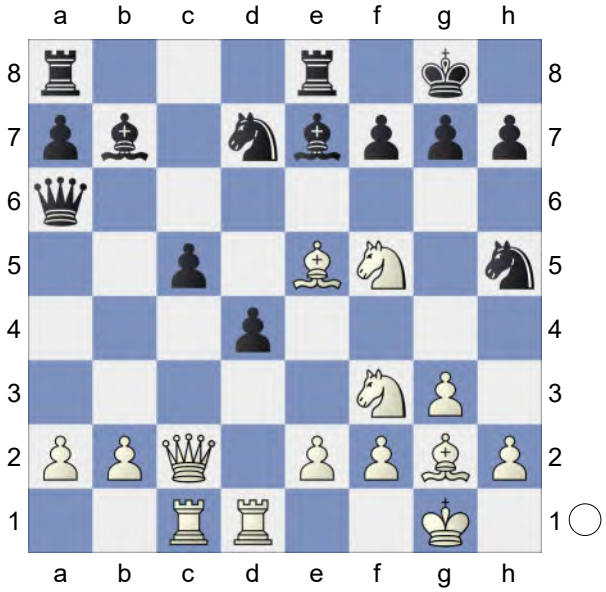


16.Nc4! 0.01/22 **Qa6= 17.Ne3 d4 18.Nf5** -0.31/22

[18.Nc4= 0.08/20]

18...Rfe8 0.66/21

[18...Bf6∓ -0.31/22 19.Bxf6 Nhxf6]



19.Bd6? -3.12/22 **Bf6?** 0.02/21

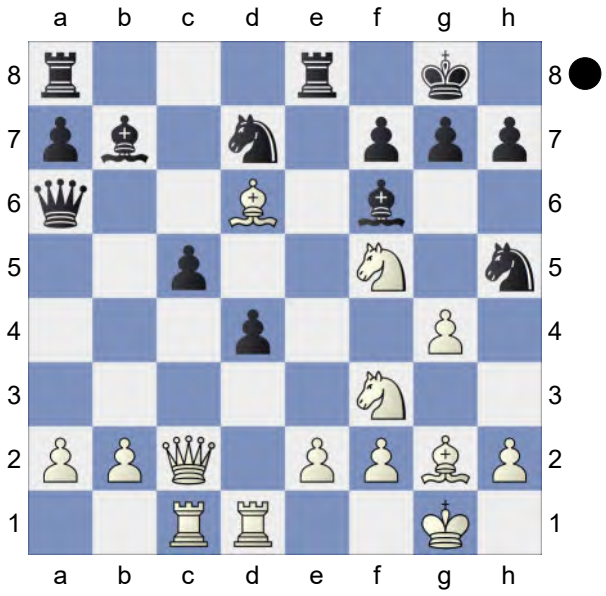
[19...Bxd6-+ -3.12/22 20.Ng5 Bxg2 *(20...Rxe2 21.Nh6+ Kf8 22.Qb3±)*

21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.Qxh5 Bd5]

20.g4 -1.07/20

[20.Bxc5 Rac8 *(20...Rxe2 21.Qb3=; 20...Be4 21.Qc4∓)* 21.b4 Nxc5 *(21...Rxe2? 22.Qb3+-)* 22.bxc5 Be4∓ *(22...Qxe2? 23.Qxe2 Rxe2 24.Nd6+-)*]

[20.Qb3= 0.02/21 Be4 *(20...Rxe2? 21.Ng5+-)* 21.Ne5 Rxe5 *(21...Nxe5 22.Bxe4 Rad8 23.Bxc5±)* 22.Bxe5 Bxg2 *(22...Bxf5 23.Qf3±)* 23.Kxg2 Nxe5 *(23...Bxe5 24.Qf3=)* 24.Rxc5]



20...Rxe2 0.42/22

[20...g6!∓ -1.07/20 21.gxh5 gxf5 22.Bxc5 Be4]

21.Qc4 Chess con chili. **21...Qxc4 22.Rxc4 g6 23.N3xd4** Discovered Attack **23...Rxb2 24.Nh6+**

[24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.Rxc5 gxf5-+]

24...Kg7 25.Ndf5+

[25.Bxb7 Rxb7 26.Nb3 Kxh6∓]

25...gxf5 26.Nxf5+

[26.gxh5? Kxh6 27.Bf4+ Kxh5 28.Rxd7 Rg8 29.Rxb7 Rxb7-+]

26...Kg6 27.gxh5+ Kxf5 28.Bh3+ Kg5 29.Bxd7 Bd4

[29...Kxh5 simplifies 30.Rxc5+ Kh6 31.Bf4+ Kg7]

30.Bxc5 Bxc5

[30...Be5 is interesting. 31.Re1 Kf6 32.h3 Rxa2 33.f4 Ba1]

31.Rxc5+ Kf6 Strongly threatening ... Rg8+. **32.Bg4 h6** 0.56/19

[32...Rxa2= 0.13/20 33.Rd6+ Kg7]

33.h3± Be4 34.Ra5 Rb1 0.99/21

[34...Kg7± 0.60/19 should be considered.]

35.Rxb1± Bxb1 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **36.Bf3** 0.39/21

[White should try 36.f4± 0.80/21]

36...Rg8+!± 37.Kh2 Ra6+ is the strong threat. **37...Rb8** 1.20/22

[37...Rc8± 0.39/22]

38.Rxa7 0.27/21

[38.Kg3± 1.20/22]

38...Rb2= 39.Bd5 Rxf2+ 40.Kg3 Rd2 41.Bxf7 Rd3+ 42.Kg2 Rd2+ 43.Kf3 Rd3+ 44.Kg4 Rd4+ 45.Kg3 Rd3+ 46.Kh2 Rd2+ 47.Kg1 Bf5 48.h4 Ke5 49.Ra6 Kf4 0.65/22

[49...Be4= 0.01/22]

50.Rxh6 -0.01/26

[50.Rf6!± 0.65/22 Kg4 51.Kf1 *(51.Rxh6 Kg3±)*]

50...Kg3 The position is equal. **51.Bc4 Rd1+ 52.Bf1 Kxh4 53.Rf6 Kg5 54.Rf7 Be6 55.Rg7+ Kxh5 56.Kf2 Rd2+ 57.Ke3 Rxa2 58.Bd3 Ra3 59.Ke4 Kh6**

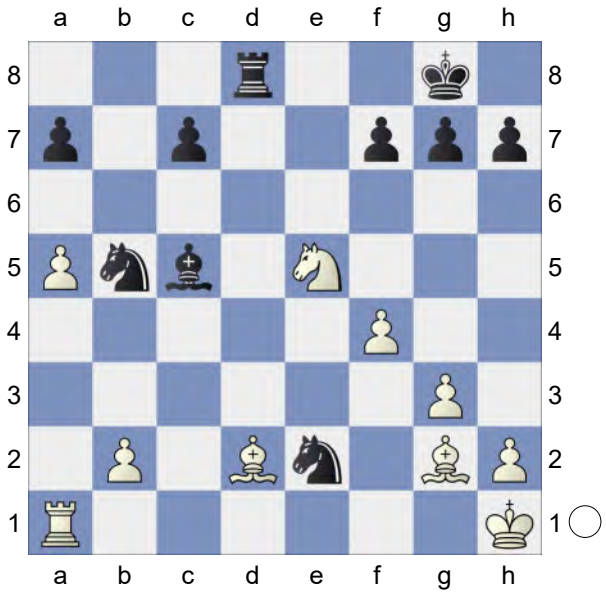
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.30

60.Re7

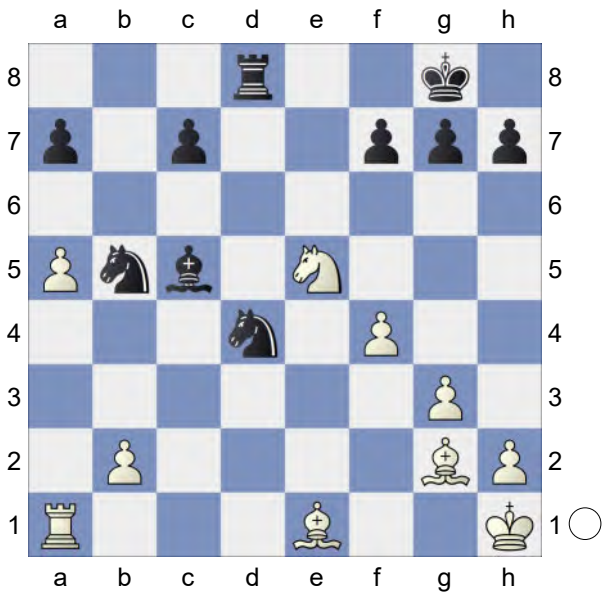
½-½

193 **E05**
□ **Rios,Cr** **2435**
■ **Kolla Bhaavan** **1946**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (4.6) 04.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b5 8.a4 b4 9.Nbd2**
[9.Qxc4 Ba6 10.Qc2 Nbd7∓]
9...Bb7! 10.Nxc4 White has an edge.
10...Be4 11.Qb3
[11.Qd1 c5 12.dxc5 Nbd7 13.Nfe5 Nxe5 14.Qxd8 Rfxd8 15.Nxe5 Bxc5 16.Bg5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rd5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nd3 b3 20.Rfc1 Bd6 21.Rc3 Rb8 22.Rac1 Kg7 23.Rc8 Rxc8 24.Rxc8 Ra5 25.Rc4 f5 ½-½ S.Mohandesi (2614)-15. ♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5 ♖ab8 (2707) USCCC-1 Final 7476 1974 (10)]
11...Nc6
[11...Nbd7 12.Rd1 c5 13.Be3 Nd5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nfe5 Bxg2 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Bxc5 Rfc8 18.Bd4 Bh3 19.e4 Ne7 20.Bxg7 Qc6 21.Bf6 Qxe4 22.f3 Qxc4 23.Rd8+ Rxd8 24.Qxc4 Davidovici,A-Engel,W Yerevan (ol) 67/43 1996]
12.Rd1 Bd5N
[12...Qd5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bf4 Nd6 15.Ncd2 Nxd4 16.Qxd5 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Bxd5 18.e4 e5 19.Bxe5 Be6 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Bd4 Nb5 22.Be3 c5 23.Be2 Nd4 24.Bxd4 cxd4 25.Nf3 h6 26.Nxd4 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 1-0 Xiao,Y (2136)-Nicolas Zapata,I (2201) WY GU16 2012 (6.1)]
13.a5! Ne4 14.Qd3 0.10/21
[14.Be3± 0.82/18]
14...b3 1.20/18 **15.Nfe5±**
[Much worse is 15.Qxb3?! Rb8 16.Qd3 Nb4=]
15...Nb4 16.Qxb3 Rb8 17.f3 Nd6 18.e4 White is more active. **18...Bxc4 19.Nxc4 Nc6** Wards off Ne5 **20.Qc2** 0.40/19
[20.Qa4!± 1.17/22 Rb4 21.Qxc6 Rxc4 22.Qa6]
20...Nb5!± 21.d5 -0.38/21
[21.Be3± 0.31/20]
21...Ncd4 0.18/20
[21...Nbd4∓ -0.38/21 22.Qd3 exd5 23.exd5 Qxd5]
22.Qd3 Threatens to win with f4.
22...exd5 23.exd5 Qxd5 24.f4 Qh5 25.Re1 Inhibits Ne2+. And now Re5! would win. **25...Bc5** (→ ...Nf3+) **26.Kh1↑** White has some pressure.
26...Rfe8 0.98/20
[26...Nf5= 0.00/21 keeps the balance. 27.Bf3 Qh3 *(27...Nxg3+ 28.Kg2±)*]
27.Bd2!± Rbd8 28.Re5 0.46/20
[28.Rxe8+!± 1.24/19 Rxe8 29.a6]
28...Rxe5± 29.Nxe5 Strongly threatening g4. **29...Qe2** 1.08/21
[29...Bd6!± 0.48/18]
30.Qxe2!± Nxe2



31.Be1 Bf1 would now be deadly. A strong pair of Bishops. **31...Ned4**

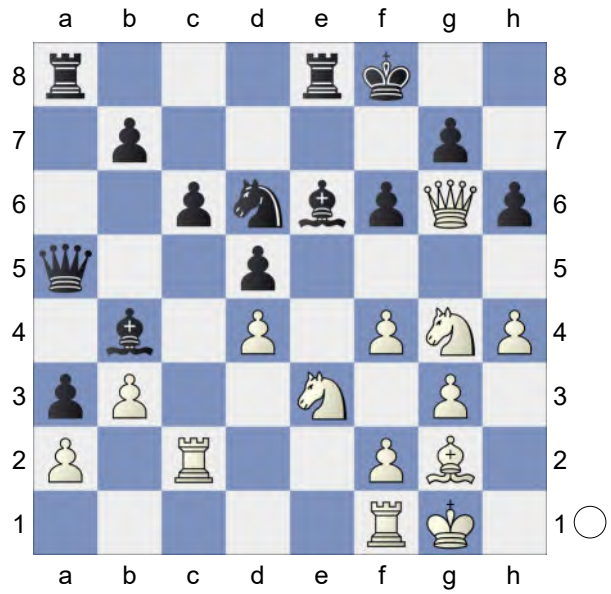


32.Rd1 0.81/19
[⌓32.Bf1! 1.40/21]
32...Ne6 1.17/21
[Black should play 32...f6 0.81/19]
33.Rxd8+ Nxd8 34.b4 0.61/22
[34.Be4± 1.12/22]
34...Bd4‡ 35.Nc6 0.30/22
[35.Bf1± 0.78/27 Bc3 36.Bf2]
35...Nxc6= 36.Bxc6 Bc3 37.Bxc3 Nxc3 The position is equal. **38.Kg2** Kf3 is the strong threat. **38...Kf8 39.Kf3** Hoping for Ke3. **39...Ke7 40.Be4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

194 **E08**
□ **Vazquez,Facundo** **2411**
■ **Salinas Herrera,Pablo Patricio**
Santiago 2.5 (8) 14.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 a5 outshines the older 9…b6.erfolgreicher als das alte 9...b6. **10.h4 h6**
[10...Nh5 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 f5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Bd7 15.Bf3 Be8 16.Kg2 Bg6 17.Qc1 Qb8 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Bc3 Qd8 20.e3 Be8 21.b3 g6 22.Bb2 Ng7 23.Nc3 Ne6 24.Rd1 Bd7 25.Qc2 1-0 (53) Rorrer,G (2411)-Neverov,V (2401) Budapest Farago Memorial 2024 (1)]
11.Nbd2N
[11.Re1 Nh5 12.Bd2 f5 13.Nc3 Bd6 14.Rad1 Qe8 15.e3 Nhf6 16.Rf1 Ne4 17.Bc1 Qh5 18.Rde1 g5 19.Qd1 Qg6 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.Nd2 g4 22.Ne2 Ndf6 23.Nf4 Qg7 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Kg2 e5 1-0 (48) Yu, Y (2734)-Gukesh,D (2736) Global Chess League rapid 2023 (3.2) 26.dxe5 Bxe5 27.Rh1 a4 28.Rh4 Kf7 29.Reh1 Be6 30.b3 a3 31.Rh6 Rh8 32.Rxh8 Rxh8 33.Bxa3 Rd8 34.Qc1 Nh7 35.Nxe6 Kxe6 36.c5 Ng5 37.Nc4 Nf3 38.Nxe5 Nxe5 39.Bb2 Rd5 40.b4 Qf7 1-0 (48) Roehrich,S (2734)-Sikorova,J (2736) (open) 45/127 1988 (3.2)]
11...Nh5 12.e3 The position is equal.
12...Nxf4 13.exf4 a4N
[13...b6 14.Rac1 Ba6 15.f5 exf5 16.Qxf5 Bb4 17.Rfd1 Bxd2 18.Rxd2 dxc4 19.d5 c5 1.67/18 ½-½ (44) Badelka,O (2395)-Garifullina,L (2403) RUS Cup tt (Women) 2023 (4.1) *(19...cxd5= 0.24/18 20.Rxd5 Qf6)*]
14.cxd5 -0.14/19
[14.Rfd1± 0.43/17]
14...exd5 15.Nb1 -0.55/19
[15.Rfe1= -0.01/18]
15...Nf6∓ 16.Nc3 Prevents Ne4. **16...a3 17.b3** -1.24/19
[17.Rfb1∓ -0.42/17]
17...Bb4∓ 18.Ne5 Ne8 19.Nd1 Qb6 -0.84/17

[⌓19...Nd6! -1.27/21 20.Ne3 Nb5]
20.Qd3 Nd6
[20...Qa6 simplifies 21.Qxa6 Rxa6 22.Nd3 Bd2]
21.Ne3 Wards off Bf5 **21...Re8** -0.01/20
[21...Qb5∓ -1.15/21 aiming for ... Qxd3. 22.Qc2 Qb6]
22.Rac1= Qa5 23.Rc2 -0.69/20
[23.h5= -0.01/20]
23...f6∓ 24.N5g4 Be6? 1.14/25
[24...Ne4∓ -0.68/18 keeps the upper hand.]
25.Qg6 0.57/23
[25.Nxh6+± 1.14/25 gxh6 26.Qg6+ Kf8 27.Qxf6+ Nf7 28.f5]
25...Kf8 1.30/23
[Black should try 25...Bxg4± 0.57/23 26.Nxg4 Kh8]



26.Nxf6 -0.01/21 White is more active.
[26.Nxh6!± 1.30/23 And now f5! would win. gxh6 27.Qxf6+ Bf7 *(27...Nf7 28.f5±)* 28.Bh3 *(28.Qxh6+ Ke7=)*]
26...gxf6 0.66/21
[26...Bf7!= -0.01/21 27.Nh7+ Kg8 28.Nf6+ Kf8]
27.Qxf6+± Nf7? 4.87/20
[27...Bf7!= 0.21/20]
28.f5+- Bc8 29.Ng4? 1.21/24
[29.Qg6+- 4.95/22 Qb5 30.Rd1]
29...Qd8± 30.Qg6→ Black is in trouble.
30...Bxf5? 4.38/19 **31.Qxf5+- Kg7 32.f4 Qd6 33.Ne5** Wards off Qg6
33...Qf6 5.91/20
[33...Nxe5 3.69/19 is a better defense. 34.dxe5 Qg6]
34.Qg4+ White is clearly winning.
34...Kh7 35.Qh5 Re7 36.Bh3 Nd6 37.g4 Rg8 38.g5 Qf8 39.f5 Nf7 40.g6+ Kh8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=1.17
41.f6
1-0

195 **E09**
□ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2403**
■ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula** **2276**
Masters Open 2024 (2.48) 04.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E09: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 c6 8 Nbd2 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2**
[7.b3 Nbd7 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 b6 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.Ne3 c5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 N5f6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd5 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Nfe5 Kf8 20.Nd6 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ne8 ½-½ Klitscher (2615)-Miles,E (2690) lichess.org 148/102 Internet 2021]
[7.Nc3 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 dxc4 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.Ne5 Ba6 13.Qb3 Nd5 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Kg7 20.Qh4 h6 21.Ne4 Qd8 0-1 Dudin,G (2498)-Prohaszka,P (2585) HUN-ch Rapid

Ajka 2023 (11)]

7...b6N

[7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Nbd2 c5 11.dxc5 Na6 12.Nb3 Be4 13.Qc3 Rc8 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Qd2 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Qb3 Qa5 20.Rfd1 Rc7 21.Rd3 Rfc8 22.Rad1 ½-½ Kudr,R (1985)-Khan,V (2145) corr SA-2015-0-00475 Lechenicher SchachServer Be7 23.Kg2 g6 24.Rd7 ½-½ Bertola,T (1985)-Kobrin, M (2145) Memorial CAPA Pereira Memorial CAPA 2000]

[7...Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 Bxa3 10.Nxa3 Nd7 11.Qb2 Qe7 12.Nc2 b6 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.Nce1 4... Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6-Sideline Ne4 Variation]

8.b3 Nbd7 9.Rd1 '!' The main line 9. Rd1 scores better than 9.Bb2. Die Hauptvariante 9.Td1 punktet besser als 9.Lb2. **9...Ba6 10.Nbd2 c5 11.e4 dxc4 12.e5 Nd5**

[12...cxb3? 13.axb3 Nd5 14.Rxa6+-]

13.bxc4 Nb4 14.Qe4 cxd4 15.Nxd4 'N'

[15.a3!? Nc5 16.Qxa8 Qxa8 17.axb4± Bb7 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Ne1 Bxg2 20.Nxg2 h5 21.h4 1-0 (46) Kishkin,S (2428)-Scherbov,G (2175) W-Cup20 sf10 email 2015]

15...Qc7 1.45/19

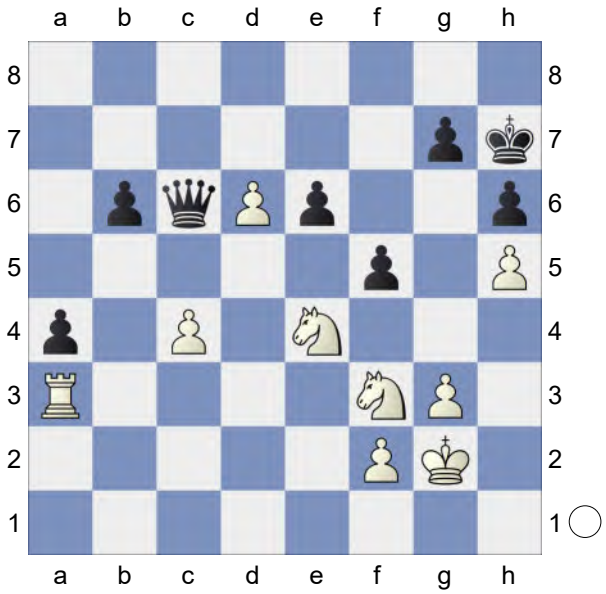
[15...Nc5!= 0.05/19 keeps the balance. 16.Qe3 *(16.Qxa8 Qxd4 17.Qxa7 Nbd3=)* 16...Bb7]

16.a3↑ White is on the roll. **16...Nc5 17.Qxa8 Rxa8**

[17...Qxe5? 18.N2f3 *(18.Qxa7 Qxd4+-)* 18...Qc7 19.Qxf8+ *(19.Bf4 Rxa8 20.Bxc7 Nbd3+-)* 19...Bxf8 20.axb4+-]

18.axb4 Bb7 White must now prevent ... Bxg2. **19.bxc5** aiming for c6. **19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Bxc5 21.N4f3 Qc6 22.Nb3** Prevents Bd4. **22...Bf8 23.Rd4 a5 24.Ba3 Bxa3 25.Rxa3 h6 26.Nbd2 a4 27.Ne4 Kh7 28.h4 Ra7 29.h5 Rd7** And now ...Rxd4 would win. **30.Rd6 Rxd6 31.exd6 f5**

[31...Qxe4? 32.d7 b5 *(32...Qxc4? 33.d8Q+-; 32...Qa8? 33.Rd3+-)* 33.d8Q+- *(33.d8R Qxc4 34.Rad3 Qc5+-)*]



32.Ned2 Qxd6 33.Rxa4 e5 Strongly threatening ...e4. **34.Ra8** 0.19/22

[34.Ra2± 1.39/24]

34...Qc6? 3.54/25

[34...e4= 0.19/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 35.Nh4 e3 *(35...Qxd2 36.Ng6)*]

35.Rd8 f4 36.Rd5 fxg3 37.Nxe5 Qe8 38.Ng6 1.79/20

[38.fxg3 Qxh5 39.Ndf3 Qe8+-]

[⌓38.f4 3.98/25]

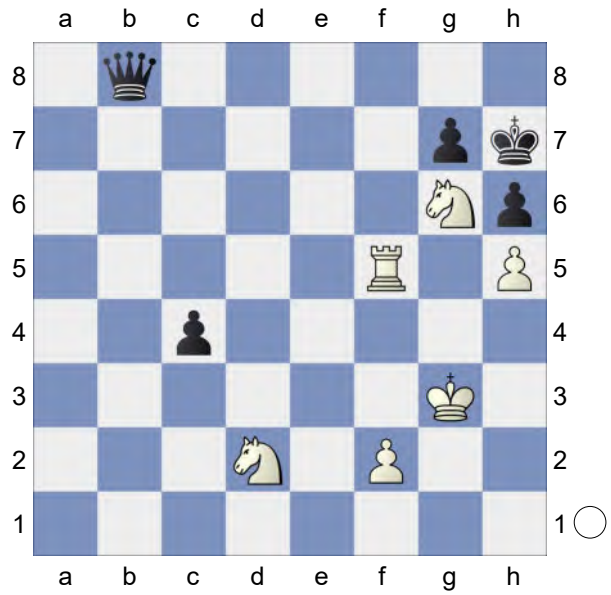
38...b5? 4.98/23

[38...gxf2 1.79/20 39.Kxf2 Qa8]

39.Kxg3+-

[39.fxg3 Qe2+ 40.Kg1 bxc4 41.Nf8+

Kg8=]
39...bxc4 **40.Rf5** Rf8! is the strong threat.
[40.Nxc4 Qe1 41.Ne3 Qb4+-]
40...Qb8+

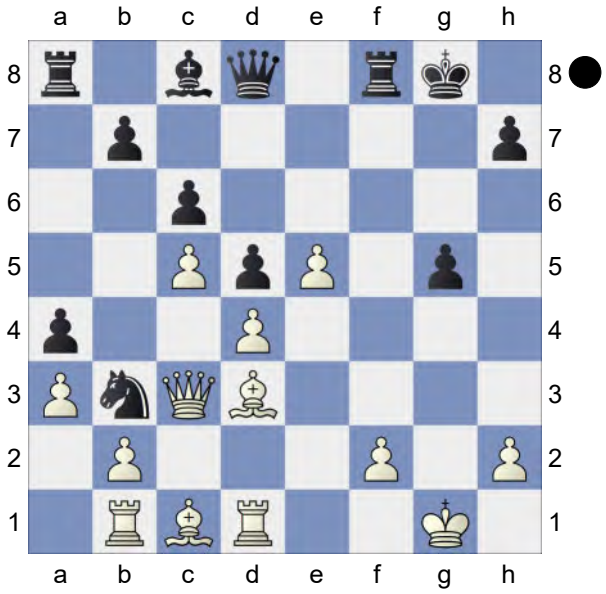


41.Kf3? 0.00/46
[White must play 41.f4!+- 6.91/34 Hoping for Rf8! Qe8 42.Kf2 *(42.Nxc4 Qe1+ 43.Kf3 Qd1+ 44.Kg3 Qd3+ 45.Kg4 Qd1+ 46.Kg3 Qg1+ 47.Kf3 Qf1+ 48.Ke3 Qxc4=)*]
41...c3= The position is equal. **42.Ne4 c2 43.Rc5 Qb1**
[43...Qd8!? 44.Kg3□ Qa8= *(44...Qd1 45.Rc8=)*]
44.Rc8! Qh1+ Deflection
[Not 44...c1R 45.Rh8#]
45.Kg4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.37
½-½

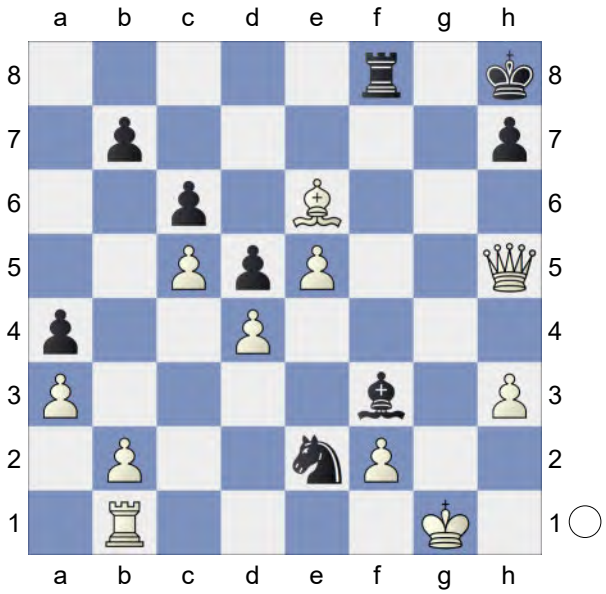
196 **E08**
□ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** **2383**
■ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
Masters Open 2024 (4.20) 06.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)]
7...c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 a5 10.Rd1 a4 11.a3 Ne4 12.Nc3 The position is equal. **12...Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Nb6 14.c5 Nc4 15.e4 g5 16.Bc1 f5 17.exf5** -0.33/20
[17.e5= 0.06/23]
17...exf5∓ 18.Bf1 Na5 19.Ne5 -0.80/21
[19.b4∓ -0.35/22 axb3 20.Re1]
19...Nb3∓ 20.Rb1 f4 21.Bd3 Bf6

Strongly threatening ...Bxe5. **22.gxf4** -1.99/20
[22.Re1∓ -0.87/18]
22...Bxe5-+ 23.fxe5



Bg4! 24.Re1 Rf3 -1.20/24
[24...Qe7-+ -1.87/23 And now ...Qf7 would win. 25.f3 Rxf3]
25.Re3 Qf8 White must now prevent ... Qh6. Black has more active pieces.
26.Rxf3 -1.98/26
[26.h3∓ -1.03/23 was worth a try. Rxe3 27.Bxe3 Bxh3 28.Be2 *(28.Bxg5 Qg7∓)*]
26...Bxf3 -1.41/24
[26...Qxf3-+ -1.98/26 27.Bc2 Nxd4 *(27...h6 28.Bxb3 axb3 29.Qxf3±)* 28.Qxf3 Remove Defender *(28.Qxd4 gets mated. Bh3)* 28...Bxf3 *(28...Nxf3+ 29.Kg2∓)*]
27.h3? -3.18/22 White does not recover from this.
[27.Qe1∓ -1.41/24]
27...Qh6 28.Bf5 Qh5 Threatens to win with ...Rf8. **29.Qe3 Rf8 30.Be6+ Kh8 31.Qxg5 Nxc1** Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 31...Nxd4 32.Qxh5 Bxh5 33.Bg4∓]
32.Qxh5 Ne2+



Zwischenzug, Double Attack **33.Kf1 Bxh5 34.Bd7 Rg8 35.Bg4 Bxg4**
[Worse is 35...Nxd4 36.Bxh5 Rg5 37.Bd1±]
36.hxg4 Nxd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

197 **E08**
□ **Alshameary Puente,Ismael** **2347**
■ **Spraggett,Kevin** **2424**
Silves op (5) 04.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 8.Rd1 Bb7 9.b3! The main line 9.b3 scores better than 9.Nc3.Die Hauptvariante 9.b3 punktet besser als 9.Sc3. **9...Nbd7 10.Nc3 b5** 0.58/18
[10...Qc7 11.Bb2 Rfd8 12.Rac1 c5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ba3 Rac8 15.Bh3 Bf8 16.Qb2 Qb8 17.Na4 c4 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Ne5 Qd6 20.Nc3 a6 21.Na4 Rc7 22.bxc4 dxc4 23.Nxd7+ Nxd7 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Nxb6

1-0 (48) Gonzalez Bolado,D (1374)-Lunn,M (1646) Excelsior Cup 1998 (6)]

11.Nd2N 0.15/17
[11.c5± 0.58/18]
[11.cxb5 cxb5 12.Nxb5 Qa5 13.a4 Rfc8 *(13...Ne4 14.Nd2 Rac8 15.Qa2 a6 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Nc4 Rxc4 18.bxc4 axb5 19.axb5 Qc7 20.c5 Bd5 21.Qa7 Qd8 22.c6 Nf6 23.Ba3 Bxa3 24.Rxa3 Bc4 25.b6 e3 26.Rxe3 Nd5 27.b7 Nxe3 28.fxe3* 1-0 (29) Kortschnoj,V-Spassky,B 12/522 Moscow 1971*)* 14.Qa2 Ba6 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.Nc3 Rab8 17.Rab1 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bc5 21.Be1 e3 22.f4 Bb4 23.Bxb4 Qxb4 24.Bf3 g6 25.Qb2 Rd8 ½-½ (40) Martens,M (2505)-Sharapov,E (2585) Yekaterinburg 69/550 1997 (10)]

11...Ba6 12.e3 Rc8 0.44/21
[12...Rb8= 0.04/17]

13.c5!± Strongly threatening b4. White is slightly better.
[13.Bb2 0.02/20 13.c5 0.39 Qc7 14.Rac1 Qb8 0.50/19 *(14...dxc4=* 0.01/21 *15.bxc4 bxc4)* 15.Bf1 0.14/20 *(15.e4±* 0.50/19 deserves consideration.*)* 15...Qb7 0.55/18 *(15...b4=* 0.14/20 *)* 16.cxb5 0.07/21 *(16.c5±* 0.55/18 *)* 16...Bxb5= 17.Nxb5 cxb5 18.Qd3 a6 19.Bg2 0-1 (43) Ghazarian,K (2222)-Shimanov,A (2626) Saint Louis SPICE Cup op 12th 2018 (3)]

13...b4 14.Na4 Bb5 0.71/20
[14...Be2= -0.01/18]

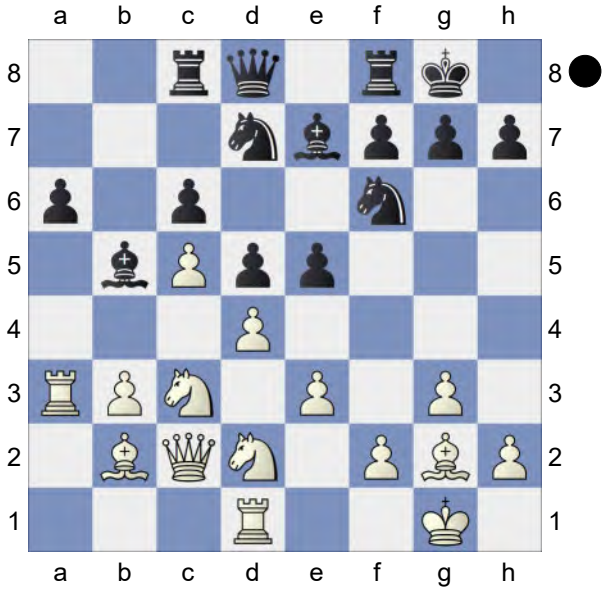
15.a3± bxa3 1.16/21
[Black should play 15...a5± 0.48/18]

16.Nc3
[16.Bxa3 Be2±]

16...a6 17.Rxa3 White is more active.

17...e5 2.17/21
[17...Ra8± 1.18/18 18.b4 Re8]

18.Bb2? 0.35/22
[Only move: 18.Nxb5+- 2.17/21 axb5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Bb2]



18...e4± 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Bh3 -0.01/18
[White should play 20.Rda1± 0.61/20]

20...h5!= 21.Rda1 Ng4 22.Ra7 Bg5 23.Nf1 Qe8 24.Qe2 Qe6 25.Bc3 Ndf6 26.R1a6 Nh7! 27.Ba5! Bd8 Inhibits Bc7. **28.Bxd8** -0.01/24
[28.b4± 0.53/21]

28...Rfxd8 The position is equal. **29.Nd2 Qf5**
[29...Rd7 simplifies 30.Rxd7 Qxd7 31.b4 Rb8]

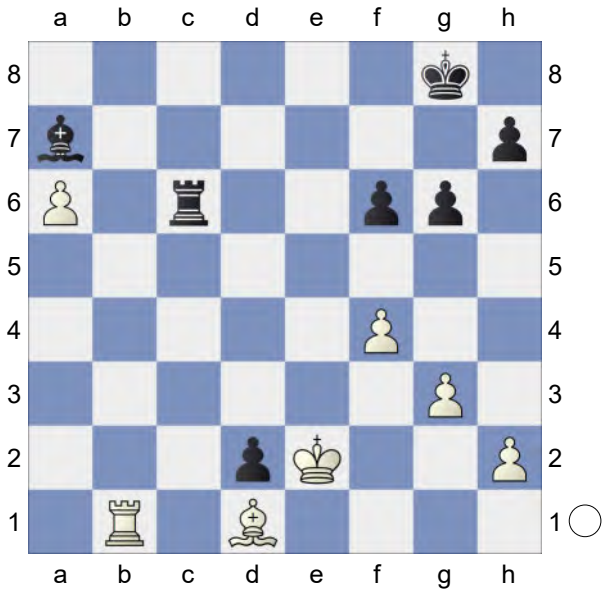
30.b4 Re8 31.Bg2! Ng5 32.h3 Nf6 Excellent horsemanship. **33.Kh2 Re6 34.Ra8⇄** White is not keeping still **34...Ree8 35.Rxc8 Rxc8 36.h4 Ng4+ 37.Kg1 Nh7 38.Bh3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

38...g5
½-½

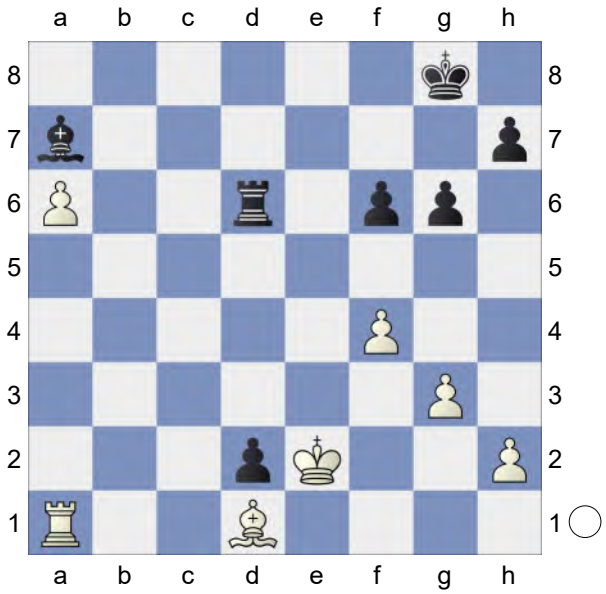
198 **E11**
□ **Novozhilov,Semen** **2344**
■ **Vershinin,Igor1** **2310**
Moscow Aeroflot op-A (9) 06.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
This game, between two super-strong computers, indicates what might be Black's best way to play against 11.e3. The subtle 11...Ba6 gets White to put his rook on the sub-optimal c1 square before returning with the bishop to b7. It looks difficult for White to extract an edge, but there are other moves to try and Black's defence needs precision.
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bf4 b6 10.Nbd2! is currently scoring better than 10.Rd1. wohl besser als 10.Td1. **10...Ba6 11.Rfc1**
[11.Rac1 Nh5 12.Qa4 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Bb7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Qd7 17.f4 f5 18.a3 Rfc8 19.b4 Kh8 20.Qb3 Rab8 21.Qd3 Qe6 22.Nb3 g6 23.Rc2 a5 24.Qd2 axb4 25.axb4 Ra8 0-1 (41) Efroimski,M (2439)-Naiditsch,A (2651) World-chT Rapid 2023 (6.4)]
11...Nh5 12.e3 Rc8
[12...Bb7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Qd1 h6 15.h4 c5 16.Rc2 Re8 17.Rac1 a5 18.Be5 Bf8 19.Nb1 Nhf6 20.Bf4 Ne4 21.Nfd2 Ndf6 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Nc3 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 Rc8 25.dxc5 bxc5 26.Rb3 Bc6 27.Rd3 ½-½ (41) Stoofvlees Ii A14 (3749)-LCZero v0.26.0-sv-t60-4229-ml (3805) TCEC Season 18 - Top Of The Top Bonus 2020 (12.1)]
13.cxd5N White is slightly better.
[13.h4 dxc4 *(13...Nxf4 14.exf4 Bb7 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Qd3 Bd6 17.Nf1 Qe7 18.Ne3 Rfd8* ½-½ Kezin,R (2514)-Alekseev,E (2575) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (13.13)*)* 14.Nxc4 c5 Strongly threatening ...cxd4. 15.Qa4 Nxf4 16.exf4 Nb8 0.58/22 *(16...Bb7=* 0.20/22 *)* 17.Nce5± f6 0.72/23 *(17...b5±* 0.35/21 *18.Qb3 c4)* 18.Ng4± Qd7 19.Qxd7! Nxd7 ½-½ (46) Esipenko,A (2680)-Sarana,A (2668) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (10)]
13...exd5 0.42/21
[13...Nxf4= 0.06/24 14.exf4 cxd5]
14.Bh3 Nxf4! 15.exf4 Rc7 16.Nf1 Nf6 17.Ne3 g6 18.Qa4 Bb7 19.Rc2
[19.Qxa7? Bc8 20.Qxb6 Bxh3 21.Rxc6 Rxc6 22.Qxc6 Qb8-+]
19...c5 20.Bf1 -0.37/19
[20.Qxa7? Bc8 21.Qxb6 Bxh3-+]
[20.Bg2= 0.01/19 deserves consideration.]
20...c4∓ 21.Ne5 a6 22.b3 b5 23.Qa5 Rc8 24.Qxd8 Rfxd8 25.a4! cxb3 26.Rb2 b4 27.a5
[27.Rxb3 a5 28.f3 Ne8∓]
27...Ne4↑ Black fights for an advantage.
28.f3 -1.02/20
[28.Rxb3= -0.25/20 Nd2 29.Rb2 Nxf1 30.Kxf1]
28...Nd6!∓ 29.Rxb3 f6 -0.58/18
[Better is 29...Nc4∓ -1.13/21 30.h4 Kg7]
30.Nd3∓ Nb5!
[30...Nc4 31.Kf2=]
31.Nxb4 Nxd4 32.Rb2 Nxf3+ 33.Kf2? -2.56/20
[White must play 33.Kg2∓ -0.61/21]
33...d4 -1.26/20
[33...Nxh2-+ -2.56/20 34.Nxa6 Ba8]
34.Ned5∓ Deflection **34...Bxd5** -0.08/19
[34...Bxb4!-+ -1.88/22 35.Nxb4 Nxh2]

35.Nxd5= Remove Defender **35...Rxd5 36.Bxa6**
[36.Kxf3 Rc3+∓]
36...Rc3 37.Bb7 Rd7 38.Bxf3 d3 39.a6 Bc5+ 40.Kf1 Black must now prevent Rb8+. **40...d2 41.Bd1 Ba7** 0.93/23 Prevents Rb8+.
[41...Rc1= 0.08/22 keeps the balance. 42.Rxd2 Rxa1 43.Rxd7 Rxa6]
42.Rb7± Rcc7 1.37/21
[42...Rc1!= 0.20/22 43.Rxd7 Rxa1 44.Rxa7 *(44.Rxd2 Rxa6 45.f5 Kf8=)* 44...Rxd1+ 45.Ke2 Rh1 46.Kxd2 Rxh2+ 47.Kc3 Ra2]
43.Rab1 0.63/19
[43.Rxc7± 1.37/21 Rxc7 44.Ke2]
43...Re7 1.35/24
[43...Rxb7± 0.63/19 44.Rxb7 *(44.axb7 Bb8±)* 44...Rxb7 45.axb7 Kf7]
44.Rxc7 Rxc7 Endgame KRB-KRB **45.Ke2 Rc6**



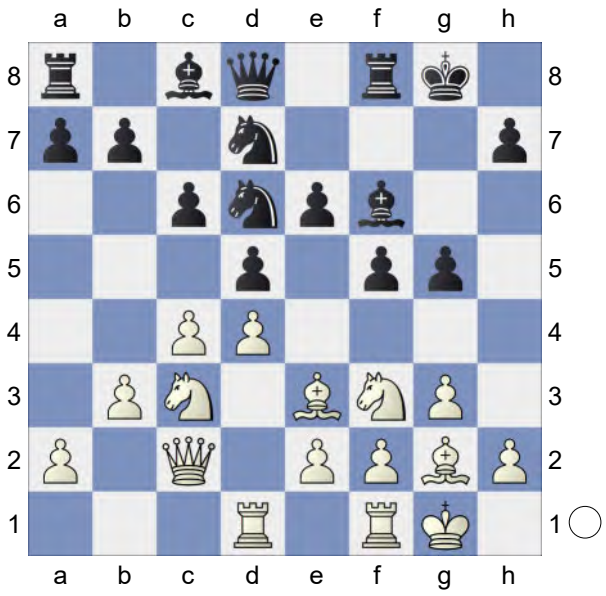
46.Ra1!
[Don't play 46.Kxd2?! Rxa6 47.Bb3+ Kg7=]
46...Rd6
(Diagram)



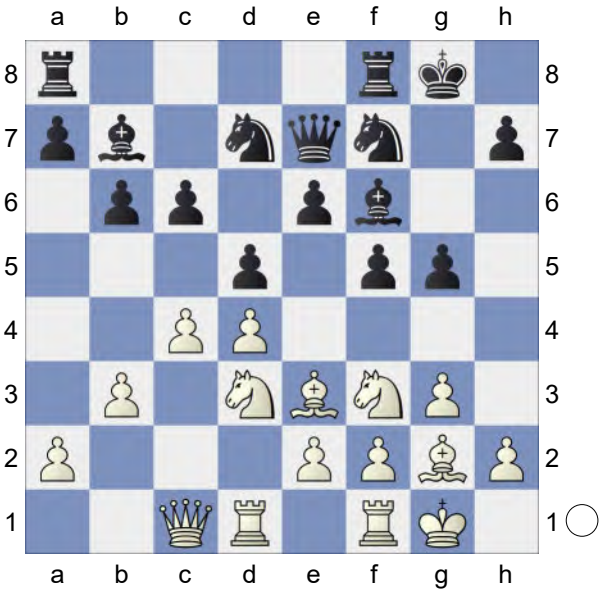
47.Bc2! g5 48.f5 h5 49.Bd3 h4? 4.04/22
[49...g4± 1.10/20 keeps fighting. 50.Kxd2 Rd7]
50.gxh4+-
[50.Kxd2 Kg7 51.Re1 Kh6+-]
50...gxh4 51.Kxd2 Kf7 52.Re1 Rd7 53.Kc3 Re7 54.Bc4+ Ke8 4.35/22
[⌓54...Kf8 2.89/21 55.Be6 Bb8]
55.Be6 Rc7+ 56.Kb4 Kd8 57.Re4 White is clearly winning. **57...Bf2 58.Rf4 Be1+** 8.21/27
[⌓58...Bc5+ 5.01/23 59.Ka4 Ke7 60.Rxh4 Kd6]
White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.45
59.Kb5
1-0

199 **E08**
□ **Lim,Zhuo Ren** **2253**
■ **Lamard,Guillaume** **2526**
Cannes op 36th (1) 20.02.2023
[TA]

1.d4 3:32 Roiz,Michael **1...Nf6** 4 **2.Nf3** 7 **e6** 2:25 **3.c4** 1:07 **d5** 2 **4.g3** 15 **Bb4+** 2:06 **5.Bd2** 2:04 **Be7** 47 **6.Bg2** 22 **0-0** 6 **7.0-0** 14 **Nbd7** 28 **8.Qc2** 43 **Ne4** 1:03 **9.Bf4** 7:21 9.Bf4 is better than 9. Nc3. 9.Lf4 ist besser als 9.Sc3. 9.Bf4 scores better than 9.Nc3. **9...c6** 10 **10.Nc3** 11 **g5** 32 Strongly threatening ... Nxc3. E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2. **11.Be3** 55 **Nd6** 2:38 **12.b3** 1:04 **f5** 22:23 White has an edge. **13.Rad1** 2:23 **Bf6** 6:50

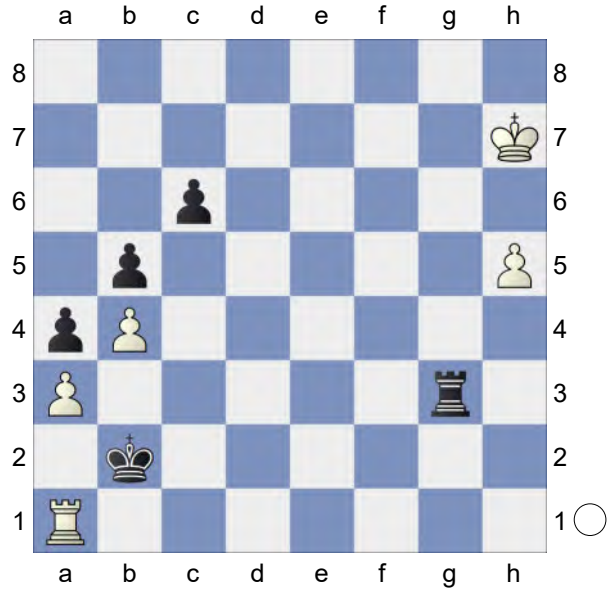


14.Qc1N 1:01
[Vorgänger: Predecessor: 14.Bc1 Rf7 15.Ba3 Ne4 16.Nxe4 fxe4 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Be7 19.Bd6 Bxd6 20.exd6 Bd7 21.f3 exf3 22.Bxf3 ½-½ (44) Eljanov,P (2723)-Rapport,R (2671) Biel 2015 CBM 168 [Roiz, Michael] ½-½ Eljanov,P (2723)-Rapport,R (2671) Biel GM 48th 2015 (5)]
14...Nf7 2:06 **15.Na4** 1:36 **Qe7** 8:09 **16.Nb2** 3:09 **b6** 4:30 **17.Nd3** 1:03 **Bb7** 4:44



18.Nde5! 3:48 Deflection **18...Ndxe5** 7:04
[18...Nfxe5 19.Nxe5]
19.dxe5 27 **Nxe5** 12 **20.Nxe5** 5 **Bxe5** 3 **21.Bxg5** 5 **Qf7** 41 **22.Qe3** 2:44 **Bg7** 2:00 **23.cxd5** 1:21 **exd5** 1:49 **24.Qd3** 53 **Kh8** 7:53 **25.e3** 3:18 **a5** 14 **26.Rfe1** 45 **a4** 28 **27.b4** 1:42
[27.Qd2±]
27...Ba6= 22 **28.Qc2** 17 **Bc4** 1:00 **29.Bf1** 3:41 **b5** 7 **30.Bf4** 3:58 **Qe6** 2:52 **31.Rb1** 3:59
[White should play 31.Bxc4= bxc4 32.Rb1]
31...Qe4 1:18
[Better is 31...a3∓]
32.Qd2 39 **Rad8** 4:55 **33.Bc7** 32 Threatens to win with Bxc4. **33...Rd7** 1:35 **34.Bb6** 21 **Rff7** 2:35 **35.Bd4** 4:56 **Kg8** 3 **36.a3** 56
[36.Bxg7 simplifies Rxg7 37.Bg2 Qe5 38.Red1]
36...f4 5:15 **37.Bxg7** 1:19
[37.exf4? Qxd4 38.Qc2 Rde7 39.Bxc4 dxc4-+]

37...Bxf1 3:39
[37...Rxg7 38.exf4 Qg6 39.f5+-]
38.Rxf1 15 **fxg3** 4:05
[38...Kxg7 39.exf4 *(39.gxf4 d4=)* 39...Qg6 40.Rbe1±]
39.fxg3 11:42 **Kxg7** 39 **40.Qc3+** 4:55 **d4** 1:01 **41.exd4** 31:49 **Qxd4+** 31:00 **42.Qxd4+** 6 **Rxd4** 3 **43.Rxf7+** 26 **Kxf7** 5 Endgame KR-KR **44.Rc1!** 1 **Rd6** 0 **45.Rc3** 0 **Ke7** 0 **46.h4** 0 **Rd1+** 0 **47.Kf2** 0 **Kd6** 0 **48.Ke3** 0 **h5** 0 **49.Kf4** 0 **Rf1+** 0 **50.Kg5** 0 **Rb1** 0 Hoping for ... Rb3. **51.Kxh5?** 0 Now White is beyond hope.
[51.Rd3+= and White has nothing to worry. Kc7 52.Rd2 *(52.Kxh5 Rb3-+* Deflection *)*]
51...Rb3-+ 0 **52.Rc1** 0 And now g4 would win. **52...Rxg3** 0
[52...Rxa3 53.g4 Rg3 54.g5+-]
53.Ra1 0 **Kd5** 0 White must now prevent ...Kc4. **54.Kh6** 0
[⌓54.Rc1 Rxa3 55.Kg6]
54...Kc4 0 **55.h5** 0 **Kb3** 0 **56.Kh7** 0 **Kb2** 0

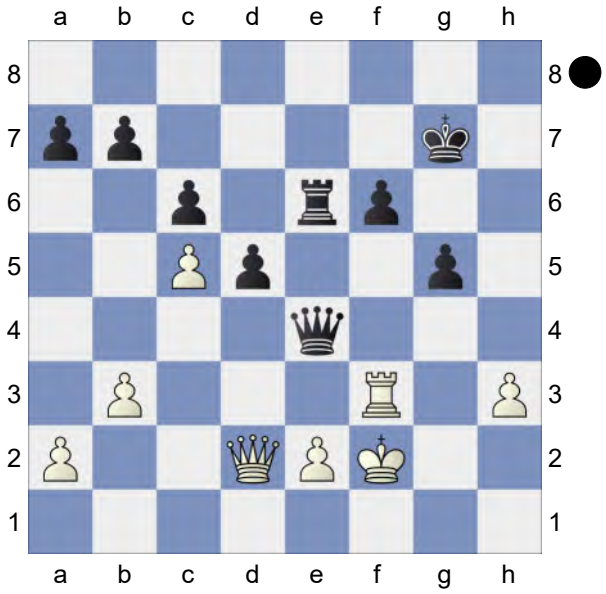


Deflection **57.Rh1** 0 **Kxa3** 0 **58.Rh4** 0 **Kb3** 0 **59.h6** 0 **a3** 0 **60.Kh8** 0 **a2** 0 **61.Rh1** 0 **Rd3** 0 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.05 (flawless)
0-1

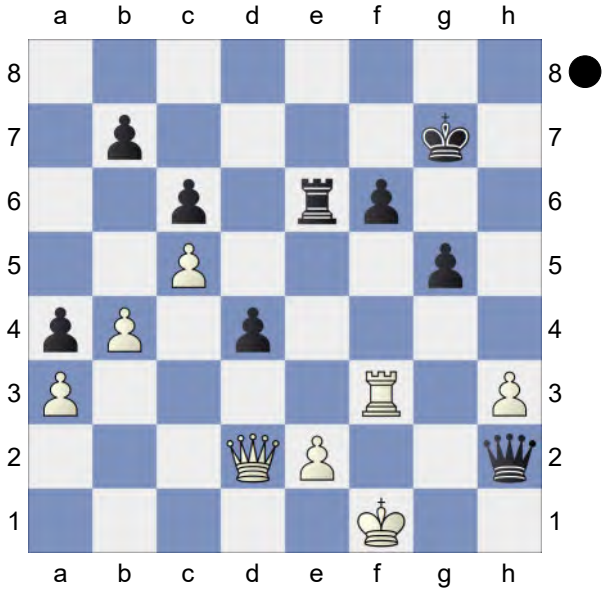
200 **E08**
□ **Ramos,Efren Andres** **2244**
■ **Robson,Ray** **2682**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.4) 24.09.18
[TA]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 Ne4 9.Bf4 c6 10.Nbd2 g5 7 E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: Qc2 **11.Be3 Nd6 12.cxd5** LiveBook: 4 Games
[12.Rac1=]
12...exd5∓ Black is slightly better.
[12...cxd5 13.Nb3 b6 14.Ne5 Ba6 15.Nc6 Rc8 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Qd1 f5 18.Bd2 0-1 (39) Can,E (2589)-Robson,R (2656) Khanty-Mansiysk 2017]
13.Nb3 Nb6 14.Rad1N
[Predecessor: 14.Qc1 f6 15.Nc5 Nbc4 16.b3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Re8 18.Qd2 0-1 (37) Mastrokoukos,G (2330)-Skembris,S (2520) Komotini 1992]
14...Nbc4 15.Qc1 f6
[15...Re8∓]
16.Nc5
[16.Bd2= keeps the balance.]
16...Nf5∓ 17.b3 Ncxe3 18.fxe3 Bxc5 19.dxc5 Strongly threatening e4!
19...Qe7 20.Rd3 Re8 21.Kf2 Nh6 22.Nd4 Ng4+ 23.Kg1 Nxe3 24.Rf3 Nxg2 25.Kxg2 Bg4 aiming for ...Qe4.
26.Rfe3 Qd7 27.Qe1
[27.Rxe8+∓ was worth a try. Rxe8 28.Re3]
27...Bh5 28.Qf2 Bg6 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rd1 Be4+ 31.Kg1 Kg7 32.Rf1 Rf8

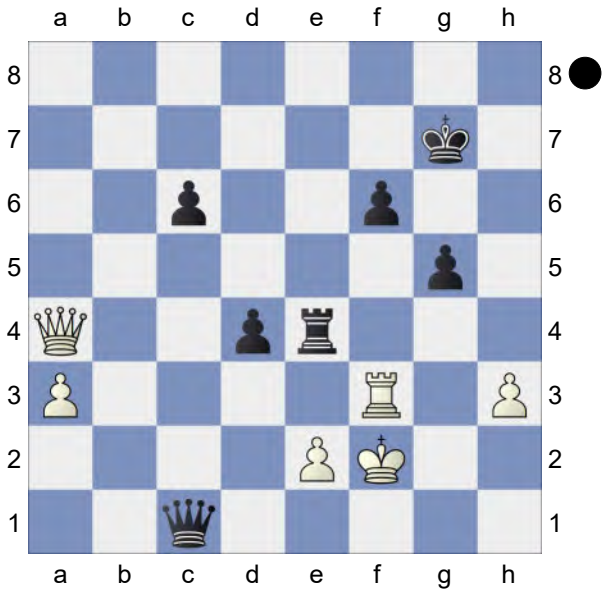
33.Qe3 h5 34.Rf2 Qh3 35.Nf3 Qg4 36.Kf1 Re8 37.Qc3 Bxf3 38.Rxf3-+ Endgame KQR-KQR **38...Re6 39.Qd2 h4 40.gxh4 Qxh4 41.h3 Qe4 42.Kf2**



a5! 43.a3
[43.Qxa5 Qxe2+]
43...d4 44.b4 a4 45.Rd3 Qh1 46.Rf3?
[46.Rxd4 Qh2+ 47.Kf1 Qxh3+ 48.Kf2]
46...Qh2+ 47.Kf1



Re4
[⌓47...g4! 48.hxg4 Qh1+ 49.Kf2 Re4]
48.Qd3 Qe5 49.b5 Kh6 50.bxc6?
[50.Qc4 Kg7 51.bxc6 bxc6 52.Qc2]
50...bxc6 51.Qc4 intending Qf7.
51...Kg7 ...g4 is the strong threat.
52.Qa6 Qxc5 53.Qxa4
[53.Kg2-+ Re7 54.Kf1]
53...Qc1+ 54.Kf2



Qe3+! 55.Kg2
[55.Rxe3 dxe3+]
55...Qd2 56.Rf2 Rxe2 57.Rxe2 Qxe2+ KQ-KQ. Black mates. **58.Kg3 Qe3+ 59.Kg2 d3 60.Qxc6 Qe2+ 61.Kg3 d2 62.Qc7+ Kg6 63.Qc2+ Kh6**
Precision: White = 31%, Black = 72%.
0-1

201 **E11**
□ **Khoder,Akram** **2232**
■ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K** **2524**
Masters Open 2024 (3.17) 05.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7**
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6

14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6)]

6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N

[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)]

7...h6 8.Bc3 Ne4 9.Ne5 Nd7 10.Qc2 -0.40/30

[10.Be1= 0.27/21]

10...Nxc3∓ 11.Nxc3 Nxe5 12.dxe5 c6 13.Rad1 Qa5 14.Kh1 -0.91/22

[14.cxd5∓ -0.49/22 is superior. exd5 15.e3]

14...dxc4 -0.33/25

[14...b5∓ -0.91/22 15.cxb5 cxb5]

15.Qe4 -0.98/25

[Better is 15.f4∓ -0.33/25]

15...b5∓ 16.Qxc6 Rb8 17.Ne4 b4

[17...Qxa2?! 18.Qc7 Rb7 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxb7 Bxb7+ 21.Qxb7 Bxe5 22.Qxb5 Bxb2 23.Rd6=]

18.Nd6 c3

[Don't do 18...Qxe5 19.Nxc4 Qb5 *(19...Qxe2 20.Qc7∓)* 20.b3=]

19.bxc3 bxc3

[19...Qxa2 20.cxb4 Bxd6 21.exd6=]

20.Nc4 Qxa2 White must now prevent ... c2! **21.Ra1 Qxe2** Threatens to win with ...Bb7. **22.Qc7 Rb4 23.Nd6** -1.53/19

[23.Ne3∓ -0.64/22 Bg5 24.Qxc3]

23...Bxd6 24.exd6 Rd4 -0.28/20

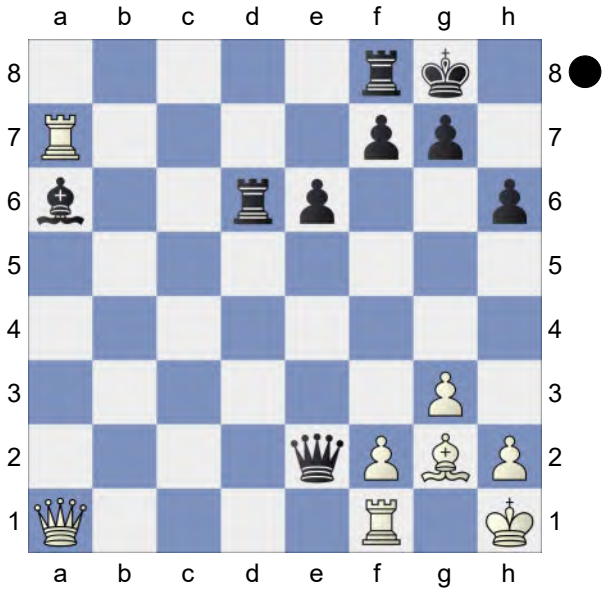
[Black should try 24...Rc4∓ -1.56/19 25.Qxa7 Rd8]

25.Qxc3= Rxd6

[25...Qd3 simplifies 26.Qxd3 Rxd3 27.Rxa7 Rxd6 28.Bf3 g5]

26.Rxa7 Ba6 27.Qa1 -1.38/19

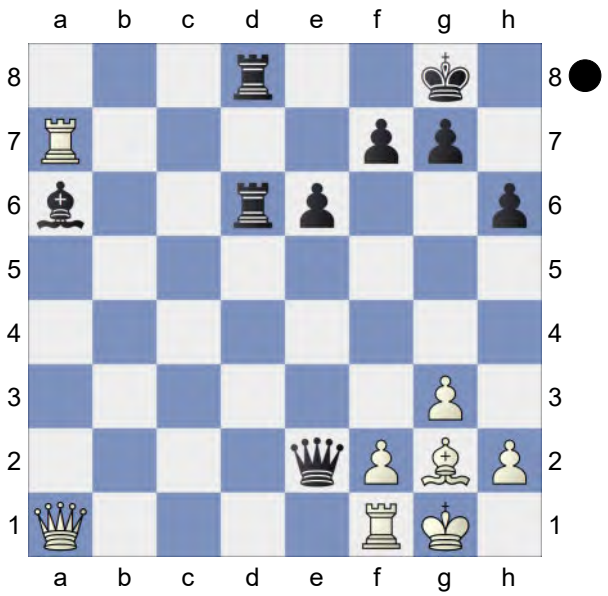
[27.h4= -0.29/21 keeps the balance.]



Against Rd1 **27...Rfd8!∓ 28.Kg1** -1.71/20

[28.h4∓ -1.03/18]

(Diagram)

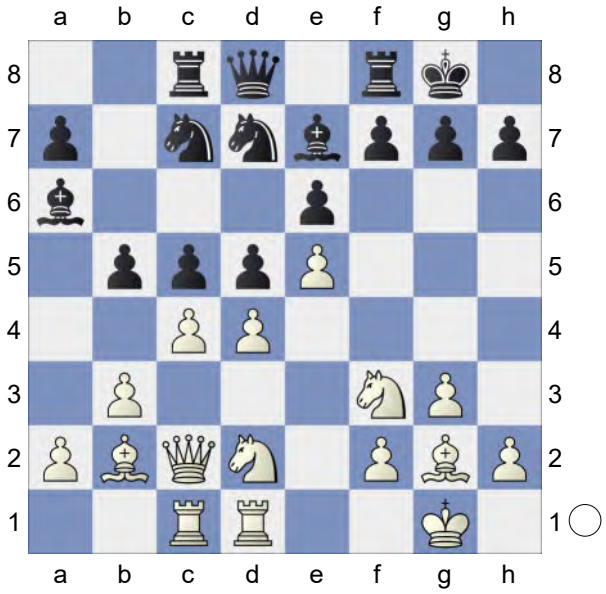


28...Bc4 -0.31/21
[28...Qb5!-+ -1.71/20 And now ...Qb6 would win. 29.Re1 Qb6 30.Rxa6 Qxa6]
29.Ra8∓ Rxa8 30.Qxa8+ Kh7 31.Qe4+ Qxe4 32.Bxe4+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **32...f5 33.Rc1 Bb3 34.Bc2 Bd5** ...Rc6 would now be deadly. The position is equal. **35.Rd1! Kg6 36.g4 Kf6** ...Rc6 is the strong threat. **37.gxf5 exf5 38.Bb3 Ke5 39.Bxd5 Rxd5=** KR-KR **40.Ra1 h5 41.Kg2 g5 42.h3 Rd4 43.Ra8 Kf4 44.Rh8 h4 45.Rh7 Rd8 46.Rg7 Rh8 47.Ra7 g4 48.Ra4+ Kg5 49.Rb4 gxh3+ 50.Kxh3 Ra8 51.Rxh4 Ra3+ 52.f3! Rxf3+ 53.Kg2 Ra3 54.Rb4 f4 55.Rb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

202 **E09**
□ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**
■ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**
Masters Open 2024 (2.69) 04.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

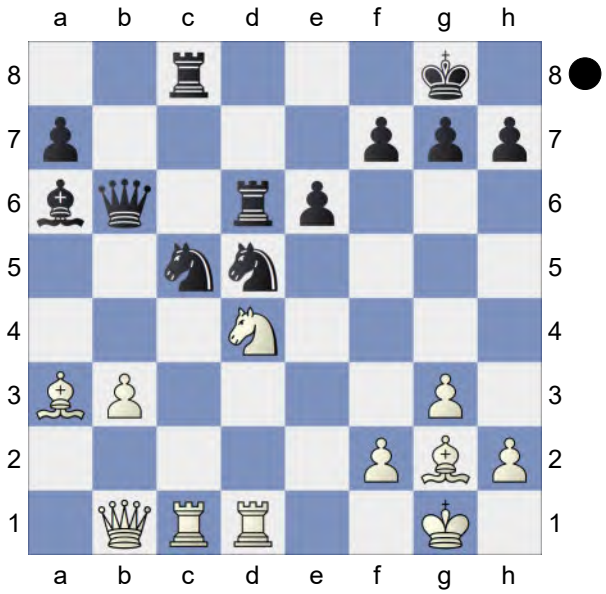
E09: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 c6 8 Nbd2 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2**
[7.b3 Nbd7 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 b6 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.Ne3 c5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 N5f6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd5 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Nfe5 Kf8 20.Nd6 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ne8 ½-½ Klitscher (2615)-Miles,E (2690) lichess.org 148/102 Internet 2021]
[7.Nc3 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 dxc4 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.Ne5 Ba6 13.Qb3 Nd5 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Kg7 20.Qh4 h6 21.Ne4 Qd8 0-1 Dudin,G (2498)-Prohaszka,P (2585) HUN-ch Rapid Ajka 2023 (11)]
7...b6N
[7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Nbd2 c5 11.dxc5 Na6 12.Nb3 Be4 13.Qc3 Rc8 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Qd2 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Qb3 Qa5 20.Rfd1 Rc7 21.Rd3 Rfc8 22.Rad1 ½-½ Kudr,R (1985)-Khan,V (2145) corr SA-2015-0-00475 Lechenicher SchachServer Be7 23.Kg2 g6 24.Rd7 ½-½ Bertola,T (1985)-Kobrin,M (2145) Memorial CAPA Pereira Memorial CAPA 2000]
[7...Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 Bxa3 10.Nxa3 Nd7 11.Qb2 Qe7 12.Nc2 b6 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.Nce1 4... Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6-Sideline Ne4 Variation]

8.Nbd2 Ba6 9.b3 Nbd7 10.e4 Rc8 11.e5 Ne8 12.Bb2 White is slightly better. **12...c5 13.Rfd1 Nc7 14.Rac1 b5**



15.cxd5 -0.10/20
[15.b4!± 0.73/19]
15...Nxd5= 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Qb1 Qa5
[17...b4!?]
18.Nd4 Rfd8 19.Ne4 Bb7 20.a3 b4 21.axb4
[21.Nd2!?]
21...Qxb4 22.Rc4 Qb6 23.Nd6 Bxd6 24.exd6 Rxd6 25.Ba3 -0.70/22
[25.Nf3= -0.21/24]
25...Ba6!∓ 26.Rcc1

(Diagram)



Rdd8! 27.Nf5? -3.39/20 White does not recover from this. **27...Nd3-+** Deflection
[Worse is 27...Nxb3 28.Rxc8 Bxc8 29.Bxd5 exd5 30.Ne7+ Kh8 31.Rd3∓]
28.Rxd3 Bxd3 29.Qxd3 Hoping for Rxc8. **29...Rxc1+ 30.Bxc1** Bxd5 would now be deadly. **30...exf5 31.Bxd5** -4.84/23
[⌓31.Bf1 -3.28/17]
31...Qa5 Black is clearly winning.
32.Bxf7+ Kxf7 33.Qc4+ Qd5 And now ...Qxc4 would win. **34.Qf4** -6.80/24
[⌓34.Qc7+ -4.54/19 Rd7 35.Qc8]
34...Qe4
[34...Qxb3 35.Qc7+ Ke8 36.Qc6+ Kf8 37.Be3-+]
35.Qc7+ Ke8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.03 (flawless)
0-1

203 **E08**
□ **Moayed,Obied** **2125**
■ **Cordova,Emilio** **2609**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (2.1) 25.09.18
[TA]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 Ne4 9.Bf4 c6 10.Nc3 LiveBook: 57 Games **10...g5** 7 Strongly threatening ...Nxc3. E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: Qc2 **11.Be3 Nd6 12.cxd5 exd5** The position is equal. **13.Rad1 Nb6 14.b3N**
[Predecessor: 14.Qc1 f6 15.b3 a5 16.Ne1 Nf5 17.Nc2 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 0-1 (38) Skatchkov,V (2338)-Matlakov, M (2704) Sochi 2018]
14...Bf5 15.Qc1 f6 16.Nd2
[White should play 16.Ne1=]
16...Bg6∓ 17.f3 f5 18.Bf2 g4
[18...f4∓]
19.fxg4= fxg4 20.e4 Bg5 21.exd5
[21.Rde1=]
21...cxd5∓ 22.Nxd5
[⌓22.Qb2]
22...Bd3?
[22...Rc8∓ 23.Qa1 Rc2]
23.Rfe1= Hoping for Be3. **23...Rc8!**
24.Qa1! Bc2! 25.Ne3?
[25.Nc4= and White is okay.]
25...Bxd1 26.Qxd1

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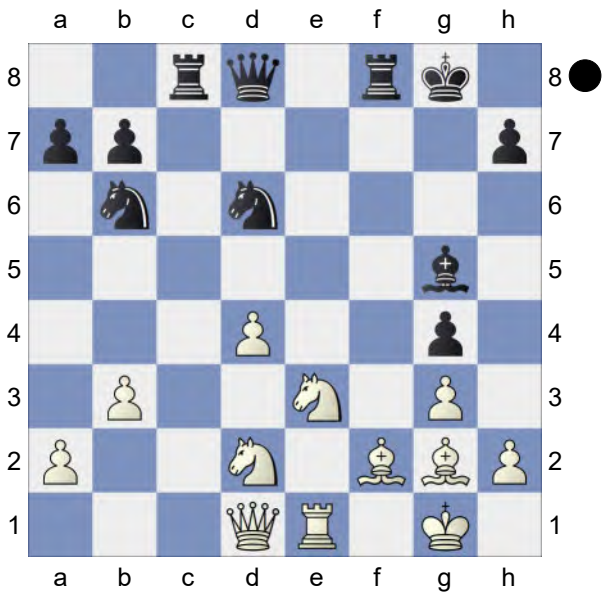
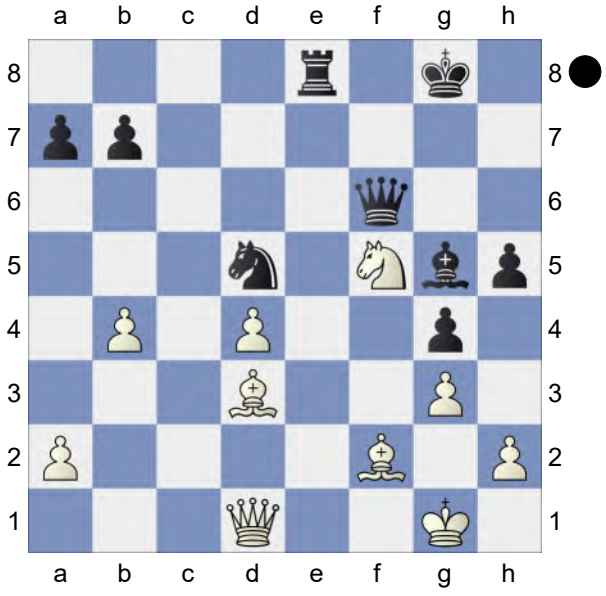


h5?
[26...Rxf2!-+ 27.Kxf2 Qf6+ 28.Kg1 Bxe3+ 29.Rxe3 Qxd4]
27.Ne4 Nxe4 28.Bxe4 Qf6↑ White is under pressure. **29.Nf5 Rce8** ...Rxe4! is the strong threat. **30.Bd3 Nd5** Threatens to win with ...Ne3!
31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.b4?
[32.h4= and White stays safe. Be3 33.Bxe3 Nxe3 34.Qe2]



32...Kh8
[32...Rc8!-+ 33.Kg2 Qc6]

33.Qa4 Rf8 34.Qxa7?
[34.Qd7∓ only move. Nxb4 35.Be4]
34...Ne7-+
[Not 34...Nxb4 35.Be4=]
35.Nxe7?
[35.Qxb7-+ Nxf5 36.Qe4]
35...Qxf2+ 36.Kh1 Qe1+ Precision: White = 39%, Black = 59%.
0-1